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SameSex Marriage

With pride weeks now underway across the country, Metro Canada is taking a look at the state of same-sex marriages.

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Michael Jackson: 1958-2009

Pop icon suffers cardiac arrest, dies in hospital

Michael Jackson, the child star turned King of Pop who set the world dancing but whose musical genius was overshadowed by a bizarre lifestyle and sex scandals, died on Thursday. He was 50.

Jackson was pronounced dead after arriving at a Los Angeles hospital in full cardiac arrest, said Fred Corral of the L.A. County Coroner's office. Cause of death was not known and an autopsy would likely take place on Friday, he said.

Jackson was taken ill at home and his personal physician tried to resuscitate him but could not, his brother Jermaine told reporters. Jackson was then taken by paramedics to the hospital, where doctors worked for more than an hour to try to revive him, Jermaine added.

There were concerns about Jackson's health in recent years but the promoters of Jackson's comeback concert effort in London, AEG Live, said in March that Jackson had passed a 4½-hour physical examination with independent doctors.

Outside the hospital in Los Angeles about 200 fans and reporters gathered on Thursday, waiting for confirmation of Jackson's death or condition.

Some fans were crying and hugging each other, and others were climbing atop fences to get a better look at a stand where a news conference was supposed to take place.

REUTERS

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For up-to-date coverage on his death, visit: **metronews.ca**

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Career Timeline

- 1972: First solo album.
- 1982: Releases Thriller — which becomes best-selling album of all time.
- 1994: Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley are married.
- 2003 He is booked on suspicion of child molestation.
- 2005: Found not guilty in child-molestation trial.
- 2009: Tickets for 50 London concerts sell out.

"I am so very sad and confused with every emotion possible. I am heartbroken for his children who I know were everything to him and for his family. This is such a massive loss on so many levels, words fail me."

Lisa Marie Presley

"He was the consummate entertainer and his contributions and legacy will be felt upon the world forever. I've lost my little brother today and part of my soul has gone with him."

Quincy Jones

"I can't stop crying over the sad news ... I have always admired Michael Jackson. The world has lost one of the greats but his music will live on forever. My heart goes out to his three children."

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Local hospital participates in historic multi-donor kidney swap

Canada had its first ever multi-donor kidney swap Thursday, providing four patients , including one at St. Paul's Hospital, with transplants from living donors. The simultaneous exchange allowed the recipients in Vancouver, Edmonton and Toronto to receive the new organs earlier, as opposed to being put on wait lists. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

Iggy in city for Silent Scream rally

Federal Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff, left, was expected to be in Vancouver on Thursday night to speak at the last of 10 Silent Scream rallies in support of protesters killed in Iran. The rallies were held outside the Vancouver Art Gallery and attracted between 2,000 and 4,000 people each night. METRO VANCOUVER

News in brief

ARREST Police have arrested a 28-year-old Vancouver man after he allegedly tried to rob a 7-Eleven with a pair of scissors. The man made off with some cash and was caught by a police dog a few blocks away while trying to jump over a fence.

STABBING A 28-year-old homeless Vancouver man is recovering in hospital after being stabbed in the abdomen. Police say a bus driver called 9-1-1 after finding the man lying on the ground on Commercial Drive.

ASSAULT A 22-year-old Vancouver man is facing seven charges, including assault with a weapon, after allegedly stabbing another man during a fight. The victim told police he was talking on the phone in the basement of a home when the suspect suddenly slashed at his throat and face.

BORDER BUST A woman has been arrested at the Aldergrove Border Crossing for carrying 10 kilograms of cocaine, the RCMP said Thursday. METRO VANCOUVER

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What's online today.

Video A hearing is told a soldier was allegedly playing a game of "quick draw" when a comrade was accidentally shot at **metronews.ca/canada**

Blogs Hollywood Rants on the promise of Woody Harrelson's upcoming horror comedy, Zombieland

No Pickton retrial ... for now

Split decision means defence can appeal to Supreme Court of Canada

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Serial killer Robert Pickton will not have a new trial, B.C.'s highest court ruled Thursday as it handed down a 2-1 decision dismissing his appeal of six second-degree murder convictions.

The decision was one of two parallel rulings on the Pickton case by the B.C. Court of Appeal.

The ruling means Pickton's case could be far from finished.

Because the decision was split, Pickton — who received a life sentence in 2007 without the eligibility of parole for 25 years — can automatically appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada, the country's highest court.

No decision has been made yet about a future appeal, said Patrick McGowan, one of Pickton's lawyers.

"It's a very long and complex set of reasons and that's going to take some analysis before the next step is decided on … I don't know how long that is going to take."

Pickton's lawyers were seeking a new trial, arguing that the trial judge made several mistakes, including an error in instructions to jurors during their deliberations.

Neil Mackenzie, a spokesman for B.C.'s Criminal Justice Branch, said Pickton remains in jail, but added the case is not over until all possible appeals have been exhausted.

The Crown had also appealed Pickton's acquittal in the six counts of first-degree murder, arguing that it was a mistake to sever the six counts from the 26 that he was indicted on.

In the second judgment, the three appellant judges agreed with the Crown that a new trial would serve no useful purpose because Pickton is already serving the maximum sentence under Canadian law.

Crown's appeal

- Spokesman Neil Mackenzie said the Crown's appeal was necessary because of timelines and the need to protect a potential retrial on first-degree murder, had the court ordered a new trial.

Families of victims, suspected victims, find no closure

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The families of Robert Pickton's victims have yet to get closure in the deaths of their loved ones, a handful of family members said Thursday after the B.C. Court of Appeal dismissed the serial killer's bid for a new trial.

Lynn Frey, whose daughter Marnie was one of the six women Pickton was convicted of killing, said she wants to bring her daughter's remains home, but was told they would not be released until all appeals were exhausted.

"She's in a better place, but I need to bring her home to make that complete," Frey said. "Until she's brought home that journey is not complete."

JEFF HODSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Susie Kinshella, sister of Mary Crawford, one of the 20 women Pickton is accused of killing, speaks with friends outside the B.C. Court of Appeal Thursday.

A resolution may be even more elusive for the families of the other 20 women Pickton is accused of killing.

Crown has said they would not seek a second trial if the conviction from the first trial stands.

Susie Kinshella, younger sister of murder victim Wendy Crawford, said Pickton should have gone to trial for the deaths of all 26 women.

"It's very hard and very difficult after all these years to know that one day all these women and family members won't get that closure," Kinshella said.

"It doesn't matter if they were on the street or if they were judges in the courtroom, we're all human beings and we're all entitled to justice."

"I need to bring her home ... Until she's brought home that journey is not complete."
Lynn Frey, mother of Pickton victim Marnie

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Thief returns stolen monitors

A thief who stole 31 computer monitors from a parked van that a Kelowna charity had collected for children in Africa returned most of the goods after the story went public. The owner of the van woke up on Wednesday to find the monitors in his driveway, along with a note from the remorseful thief. METRO VANCOUVER

Paralympic torch relay unveiled

10-day event leading up to 2010 Games will feature around 600 people

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

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Around 600 torchbearers will be helping to carry the Paralympic torch from Ottawa to Vancouver, for a 10-day relay leading up to the start of the 2010 Paralympic Games.

VANOC yesterday announced details of the event, including the relay emblem, torch design and athletes' uniforms.

"The Paralympic Games are about celebrating unbelievable athletic performances and triumphing repeatedly over adversity," said Sir Philip Craven, who is the president of the International Paralympic Committee and a five-time Paralympic basketball player.

"The flame and the torch relay (are) a powerful reminder of this, of how a dream can spark a personal and emotional transformation in the pursuit of excellence."

John Furlong, CEO of VANOC, said one of the most inspiring things he's ever seen was in Beijing, when the final torchbearer — who had one leg — pulled himself up a rope to the ceiling to light the Paralympic cauldron.

"It was an athletic feat and a comment to say you can do anything. It really transformed the stadium and was something I don't think I'll ever forget, because it was something I didn't think could ever be done."

Furlong said VANOC is looking for a way to inspire Canadians in the same way.

The Paralympic torch relay emblem, called Sparks Become a Flame, shows a human figure with its arms raised and joined like a candle's flame.

The steel blue Paralympic torchbearer uniform, which was designed by the Hudson's Bay Company, is meant to reflect the colours of the Canadian winter.

KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Paralympic athletes Karolina Wisniewska, left, and Brad Lennea show off the Paralympic torch and torch relay uniforms at VANOC headquarters on Thursday.

Torch, relay details

- The metre-long Paralympic torch was designed by Bombardier and can be operated in temperatures as low as -50 C.
- The relay will begin on March 3, 2010, and is set to finish on March 12 at B.C. Place.

City cracks down on shelter crime

HOUSING The City of Vancouver has increased the barriers to get into two temporary homeless shelters in False Creek North, after outraged residents complained the shelters have been magnets for crime.

Mayor Gregor Robertson said some of the at-risk youth who use two of the city's five Homeless Emergency Action Team (HEAT) shelters have been "creating problems" — some of it drug-related — for residents and police.

"It's a situation no one should have to live with," Robertson said. "It's pitting the needs of the residents against the needs of the homeless."

Robertson said the police will be providing the shelters at Granville and Howe streets with a list of people who are causing "disorder" in the neighbourhood, and anyone seen using or dealing drugs will be banned.

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Re-training funds for laid-off health care workers in B.C.

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Man OK after four days in well

RESCUE An 84-year-old man escaped with minor injuries only after spending four days trapped in a well shaft on his remote property in the northern part of Vancouver Island.

Bob Bennett was found by a police dog after his friend became concerned that he had not heard from the elderly man in several days and called police.

Barry Christenson told Mounties that he had gone to Bennett's home and found the dog home alone. Some items left behind seemed to indicate that Bennett had not planned to be away for any length of time.

Mounties at the Port Alice Detachment initiated the search for Bennett on Wednesday morning as heavy rain and rugged terrain made search efforts arduous.

A police dog tracked Bennett to a dry well shaft on the side of a mountain. At the bottom of the 2.4-metre shaft, officers found Bennett alive and hungry.

"Mr. Bennett, at 84 years old, has shown us that age means nothing when you have the will to survive," RCMP Cpl. Michelle LeBrun said. "He has left us with one of those stories that only come around once or twice in your career."

Bennett was transported to the Port McNeill and District Hospital for assessment and has already been released.

He told officers he was attempting to locate a water source on his property when he entered the dry well shaft and became trapped.

COURTESY RCMP

Bob Bennett, 84, with rescuers Cpl. Terry Higginson, left, Const. Mike Di Iorio, right, and police dog Nick.

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Tough job market for students

SUMMER High school students may have a harder time finding jobs this summer due to the current economic situation, according to the manager of an employment centre in Vancouver.

Melanie Hardy, of Career Zone, said the centre is getting busier as the school year comes to a close.

"We have a lot more youths accessing the centre," said Hardy. "High school students are having a tougher time this year because of the slowing economy."

"Employers are cutting back on hiring all across the board," she added.

DANIEL TAM/ FOR METRO VANCOUVER

News in brief

OPEN HOUSE The first open house at a Canada Line Station in Vancouver will be held Saturday at Oakridge-41st Avenue Station.

PATHWAY The Central Valley Greenway, a 25-kilometre pedestrian and cyclist pathway from Science World to New Westminster, opens Saturday.

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Seahawks, Lions team up
Seattle Seahawks players Jon Ryan and Seneca Wallace are joining three B.C. Lions players at a football camp for kids aged 8 to 14. METRO VANCOUVER

Cyclists set to hit the North Shore

BETH CROWTHER
for Metro Vancouver

This weekend more than 400 cyclists from around the globe are descending on Vancouver to prepare for a challenging seven-day mountain bike race set to start on Sunday.

B.C. Bike Race kicks off its third year with a demanding first stage that traverses 30 kilometres of the world-renowned North Shore mountain bike trails. In the global cycling realm, North Vancouver trails are considered a mecca for mountain bikers.

"The North Shore is like Disneyland — it's something every kid must do," said race spokesperson and competitor Andreas Hestler. "And to share it with 400 people is almost overwhelming."

Each day riders experience a new West Coast community where they race from 30 to 70 kilometres on local trails, taking two-eight hours to complete. Off the bike, participants refuel with huge volumes of food and recharge overnight in tented base camps set up in each host town.

After experiencing the Island, Sunshine Coast and Squamish, racers roll across the ultimate finish line on July 4 in Whistler.

To complete seven days in the saddle requires months of training and preparation that verge on Ironman proportions — training time on the bike can range up to 20 hours per week.

Nearly 70 Lower Mainland athletes have signed on for the week-long adventure

More online

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Virgin lineup grows

DANIEL TAN
for Metro Vancouver

Grammy Award winners The Roots and Juno Award winners Broken Social Scene have been added to the headliners at the Vancouver stop of the Virgin Mobile Music Festival.

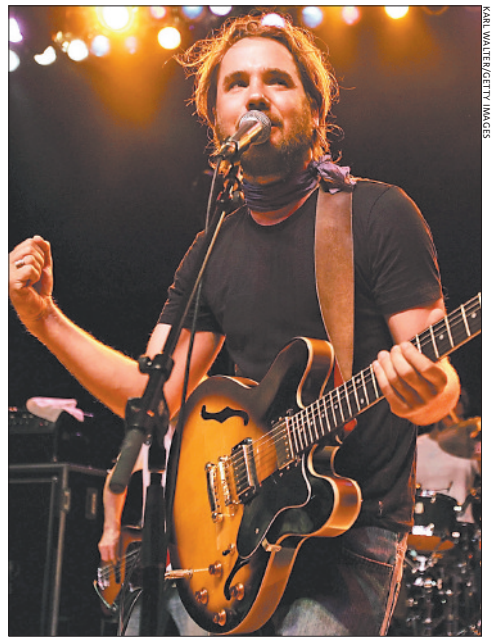
Metric, Ben Harper, Sonic Youth and De La Soul, have also been added to the lineup of Virgin's return to British Columbia on July 25 and 26, organizers announced on Thursday.

The newly announced acts will join a star-studded lineup that already features Canadian artists Our Lady Peace and K-OS.

The festival last took place in B.C. in 2007 at the University of B.C.'s Thunderbird Stadium.

It drew a paid attendance of more than 20,000 people over the two days.

The 2009 Virgin Festival will take place at Deer Lake Park in Burnaby.



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Kevin Drew of Broken Social Scene performs in Los Angeles in August 2006. The band will be in Burnaby for Virgin Music Fest.

Festival seeks peace through soccer

KARL YU
for Metro Vancouver

Adri Hamael is bringing Israelis and Palestinians together again at a Vancouver soccer field.

Hamael, the founder of the Vancouver International Soccer Festival, has managed to merge two things that are near and dear to him.

"I'm passionate about soccer and about Middle East peace and that's what I've been doing for a long time — just putting my two passions together," Hamael said.

More than just a tournament, the fifth annual event will allow Palestinians and Jews compete and play together in a friendly atmosphere.

"We have 400 multi-ethnic and international soccer players playing in 24 teams," said Hamael.

The Peace It Together Society, which for the first time will benefit exclusively from the event, was founded by Hamael, a Palestinian, with friend and partner Reena Lazar, who is Jewish. The organization is dedicated to the promotion of peace amongst Israelis and Palestinians.

"When we are on the field, nationality, religion and skin colour don't matter, we are just one team working hard together, trying to win the game," said Hamael.

"We win and lose as a team."

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Aboriginal man not exempt, judge rules

CBC News Online reports a man who says he's a member of the "Indian Nation of Turtle Island" is not exempt from Saskatchewan traffic tickets, a Regina judge has ruled. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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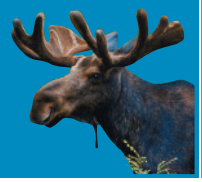

Man charged in moose crash

RCMP in Sussex, N.B., have charged a man in connection with a car-moose collision that seriously injured a 32-year-old woman, CBC News Online reports. The woman remains in the intensive care unit at a hospital in Moncton. Police initially believed the woman was driving alone when the crash happened last week in Mechanic Settlement in Kings County. METRO NEWS SERVICES

May announces plan to find, switch to the 'greenest riding in Canada'

The federal Green party is planning for an election to happen this fall and the new, number-one strategic priority is to make sure that leader Elizabeth May ends up with a seat in the House of Commons when it's over.

"Now the party is convinced that our number-one goal is to elect me to the House of Commons. So that changes quite a lot of things," May told Eastern Ontario Greens and reporters at an election-preparedness briefing yesterday.

May says she's ready to move ridings to make that happen and is now deciding whether she should run in Guelph, Ont., Owen Sound, Ont. or on Vancouver Island in the next campaign.

Her short list also includes Cumberland-Colchester in Nova Scotia, now vacant because of the retirement of independent MP Bill Casey, a former Conservative.

PAWEL DWULIT/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Green party Leader Elizabeth May attends a promotional appearance for her book titled Losing Confidence: Power, Politics, and the Crisis in Canadian Democracy in this file photo.

The Greens leader confirmed publicly for the first time yesterday that she's unlikely to run again in Central Nova, where she was defeated by Defence Minister Peter MacKay in the 2008 election. (MacKay won 46 per cent of the popular vote in Central Nova, while May won 32 per cent.)

The party is polling and testing the ground, in an unprecedented way, May said, in ridings such as Guelph, Bruce-Grey and Saanich Gulf Islands, where the Greens did well last year.

May said it comes down to the question: "Where is the greenest riding in Canada? Where is the place where people are more likely than anywhere else to say 'we want that voice in the House of Commons?'."

The Greens have also fired off letters this week to the television broadcasting consortium, trying to clarify whether May is guaranteed a spot in the leaders' debates. In the last campaign,

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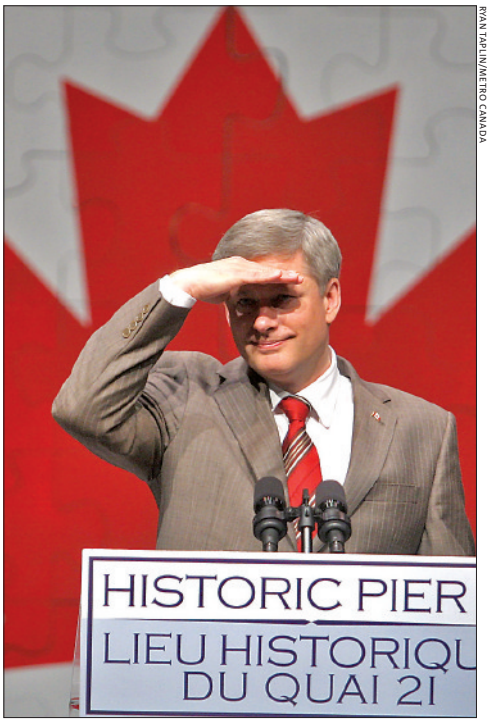

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper fields questions from reporters in Halifax yesterday

H1N1 flu a puzzler, says PM

Swine flu stumps Ottawa

PAUL McLEOD
Metro Canada

Swine flu is mystifying the federal government.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Thursday his government doesn't know why a pandemic of influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, is hitting First Nations communities harder than others.

"We are very concerned, obviously, about the H1N1 generally and in particular the high incidents we've seen in certain aboriginal communities, particularly in Manitoba," Harper told reporters in Halifax.

This week First Nations leaders in Manitoba declared a state of emergency in response to the outbreak of H1N1.

Aboriginals in Manitoba have accounted for roughly two-thirds of the people requiring intensive care for swine flu, though they make up just 10 per cent of the population.

"I think the truth is we don't know." Stephen Harper

Harper said the department of health is working closely with afflicted communities to try to find solutions. They're short of answers.

"I think the truth is we don't know," he said. "We don't know why the H1N1 is more severe on some populations rather than others."

Alberta adjusts oil royalty programs

VICTORIA HANDYSIDES
Metro Canada

Struggling oil-based Albertans may be able to keep their heads above water, as the provincial government has again adjusted the royalty system to keep black gold flowing.

"There is necessity in times like this, when the economy is facing the circumstances that it is facing and commodity prices have been extremely volatile," Energy Minister Mel Knight said yesterday.

An extension of two energy incentive programs will pump a monetary transfusion through the province's lifeblood, currently diluted by the global economic slowdown.

Recessions for the current budget year and the next are the realities facing Alberta, the afterbirth of low resource revenues.

WITH FILES FROM KRISTA SYLVESTER/ METRO CANADA

Ottawa accused of keeping $920M in immigration funding

IMMIGRATION Queen's Park is accusing Ottawa of shortchanging Ontario's newcomers by grossly underspending the $920 million immigrant settlement funding promised in a groundbreaking five-year immigration agreement that expires next year.

Jason Kenney

About $600 million of the money should have flowed into the province's language training, newcomer services and integration programs such as job search workshops by March, but so far only $407 million has reached the service providers.

To add insult to injury, federal Immigration Minister Jason Kenney recently informed his Ontario counterpart, Michael Chan, that another $90 million would be "reprofiled" or docked and spent under a new agreement, which is currently under negotiation.

Chan said his office has received numerous complaints from service agencies who have been told by Citizenship and Immigration Canada to put their new projects and expansion plans on hold.

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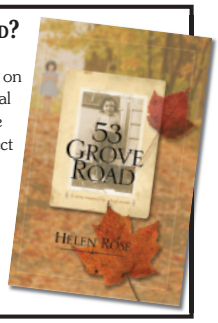

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News in brief

VOTING The federal government has abandoned the notion of forcing veiled women to show their faces if they want to vote in Canadian elections. The issue came to the fore in 2007, during byelections in Quebec.

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With this ring, I thee divorce

A Polish couple in Germany decided to divorce after getting married the same day. Right after the civil ceremony on Wednesday, the 50-year-old man began arguing with his bride and tried to cut her hair with a kitchen knife, police said. The 34-year-old woman called police, who issued the man with a restraining order, which he readily accepted. REUTERS

World

Strung-out Wallabies running circles

The mystery of crop circles in poppy fields in Australia's southern island state of Tasmania has been solved — stoned wallabies are eating the poppy heads and hopping around in circles. "We have a problem with wallabies entering poppy fields, getting as high as a kite and going around in circles," the state's top lawmaker Lara Giddings told local media on Thursday. Poppy producer Tasmanian Alkaloids said livestock which ate the poppies were known to "act weird" — including deer and sheep in the state's highlands. REUTERS

Controversy and eccentricity

Jackson likely to be remembered for both, perhaps more than undeniable talent

Michael Jackson saw his musical versatility and head-turning dance moves propel him from child prodigy to solo superstar before child sex abuse scandals tarnished his reputation and his career.

News of Jackson's death broke as the 50-year-old singer was poised for a comeback with a string of 50 concerts scheduled to start in London July 13.

They were to be his first concert series for 12 years and were expected to earn Jackson more than $400 million according to concert promoters AEG Live.

Jackson's fame reached a climax in 1982 with the iconic album and music video Thriller.

He sold an estimated 750 million records and won 13 Grammys throughout a career that spanned four decades.

But the moon-walking, sequin-gloved performer was beset by eccentricities that in 2008 had turned him into a virtual recluse with a mountain of financial woes.

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Pop star Michael Jackson poses after receiving the Legend Award at the MTV Video Music Awards Japan 2006.

Jackson was credited as the first black entertainer to gain a strong crossover following on music channel MTV.

But Jackson's belief that "I am Peter Pan in my heart," his preference for the company of children, his friendship with a chimp called Bubbles, his high-pitched voice and numerous plastic surgeries earned him the name "Wacko Jacko."

After two, ultimately unproved, allegations in 1993 and 2003 of sexually abusing young boys during sleepovers at his Neverland Ranch in California, Jackson never recovered the exuberance and musical creativity that marked his youth.

Jackson said repeatedly that he loved children and would never harm them, but he was often forced to defend his views on sharing his bed with children.

"Children love me. I love children ... They want to be with me. But anybody can come in my bed. A child can come in my bed if they want," he said in a 1996 U.S. television interview.

Born on Aug. 29, 1958 in Gary, Indiana, Jackson started singing as the youngest member of brother group the Jackson 5, which clinched its first record deal in 1968 when he was 11.

Hits like ABC and I'll Be There helped the brothers become the first group in pop history to have their first four singles top the U.S. pop charts, and by 1972 Jackson released his first solo album.

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Health issues

- Concerns about Jackson's health had been rampant during his 2005 trial in California on charges of child sex abuse, for which he was acquitted. Last year, he was photographed in Las Vegas in a wheelchair for reasons that were never explained.

Ahmadinejad compares Obama to Bush

IranCrisis

IRAN Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad accused Barack Obama on Thursday of behaving like his predecessor towards Iran and said there was not much point in talking to Washington unless the U.S. president apologized.

Obama said on Tuesday he was "appalled and outraged" by a post-election crackdown and Washington withdrew invitations to Iranian diplomats to attend Independence Day celebrations on July 4 — stalling efforts to improve ties with Tehran. "Mr Obama made a mistake to say those things ... our question is why he fell into this trap and said things that previously (former president George W.) Bush used to say," the semi-official Fars News Agency quoted Ahmadinejad as saying. "Do you want to speak with this tone? If that is your stance then what is left to talk about ... I hope you avoid interfering in Iran's affairs and express your regret in a way that the Iranian nation is informed of it," he said.

In what appeared to be further evidence of Iran's determination to crush resistance, 70 professors were detained after meeting opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi and his campaign manager was arrested, his website said. Fars said the professors were later released. REUTERS

News in brief

AUCTION Dozens of love letters from singer Edith Piaf to a French cyclist, in which she describes her sexual fantasies and vows to quit drinking for him, fetched $77,400 US at auction in Paris on Thursday. Piaf, almost as famous for her many love affairs and addictions as for her songs, wrote the previously unseen letters to championship cyclist Louis Gerardin in 1951 and 1952, dedicating her song "Plus bleu que tes yeux" to him.

HOT STUFF India's security forces are planning to mix one of the world's hottest chili powders into hand grenades to control riots and during insurgency operations, a defence official said Thursday. India's defence scientists say they will replace explosives in small hand grenades with a certain variety of red chilli to immobilize a person without killing them. Scientists said the chilli found in the country's northeast generates so much heat it was enough to startle a person. REUTERS

Alcohol: Russia's deadly problem

RUSSIA Cheap and illicit alcohol kills more than half of Russian men and women in their most productive years and the government must act urgently to reverse the trend, a study says.

"Excessive alcohol consumption in Russia, particularly by men, has in several recent years caused more than half of all the deaths at ages of 15-54 years," the article said. The research said "excess mortality from liver cancer, throat cancer, liver disease, and pancreatic disease is largely or wholly because alcohol caused the disease that caused death."

Russia's mortality rate in people aged 15-54 years was more than five times higher for men and three times higher for women than in Western Europe, the study showed.

A UN report said in April that poor diet, leading to heart disease, heavy drinking and the high incidence of violent deaths may cut Russia's present population of some 142 million to around 131 million by 2025. REUTERS

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Don't trust H1N1 virus, says world health chief

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The next stop: a bit of Goethe

London's subway riders get some new trains of thought

Service announcements on the London Underground are no longer restricted to "The next station is ..."

They've been broadened to include the words of great thinkers such as Einstein and Goethe.

Passengers on the Piccadilly line will be able to hear philosophical, political and historical quotes from drivers as they rattle through subway tunnels.

The quotes, compiled by Turner Prize-winning artist Jeremy Deller, are part of a series of subway arts projects.

Staff are encouraged to use the quotes to talk directly to passengers, building a rapport and adding unexpected wit or insight during the commute.

"They are not doing it incessantly, but choosing their times deliberately," said Sarah McLean, spokesperson for Art On The Underground.

"I've not heard of any negative feedback."
Sarah McLean

"When they need to make an announcement, they will look to use an appropriate quote."

The booklet What Is The City But The People, includes the following quotes:

- "To live is to dream," Friedrich Schiller.
- "Life is one long process of getting tired," Samuel Butler.
- "There is more to life than increasing at speed," Mahatma Gandhi.

And most aptly:

- "Hell is other people," Jean-Paul Sartre.

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Berlin **Here comes 'Super-Obama'**

TOBIAS SCHWARZ/REUTERS

Climate activists of the global advocacy group AVAAZ pose as "Wonder-Merkel" and "Super-Obama" in front of the Brandenburger Tor gate in Berlin on Thursday. The duo were taking part in a global warming rally in the German capital as a prelude to a meeting between German Chancellor Angela Merkel and U.S. President Barack Obama in the U.S. later in the week.

Rebels cut off thieves' limbs

SOMALIA Islamist insurgents in Somalia cut hands and feet off thieves Thursday and paraded the severed limbs in the streets of Mogadishu.

The rebels used long knives to cut off a hand and a foot each from four young men in Mogadishu as punishment for theft, witnesses said.

The men screamed in pain.

Some spectators vomited.

The al-Shabaab rebels later hung the severed limbs from trees and electricity polls.

Washington has sent weapons to Somalia's government to thwart the al-Shabaab insurgents.

They are seen as a proxy for al-Qaida and Western nations fear they could destabilize the region and provide safe havens for hardline Islamists from elsewhere.

When a moderate Islamist was elected president in January, there was hope he could end nearly two decades of bloodshed in Somalia.

But Osama bin Laden declared President Sheikh Sharif Ahmed an enemy in an audiotape released in March.

A U.S. official said the United States had sent arms and ammunition to Somalia.

"The government is in a very fragile state," he added.

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Italy PM sparks 'spurn G8' row

BOYCOTT Italian female academics banded together Thursday to urge first ladies of the world's richest countries to boycott next month's G8 meeting.

The academics were protesting what they called Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's sexist behaviour.

The appeal, written by four professors in social psychology, has attracted 6,500 signatures.

It's the latest fallout from media reports saying Berlusconi slept with a female escort who was paid to attend his parties.

"We are not referring just to the personal facts affecting the prime minister ... but also to the system for hiring public officials, sexist behaviour and sexist speeches which undermine womens' dignity in the public sphere," the appeal said.

Italy will host the event in town of L'Aquila on July 8-10.

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'Rights' vs. 'Rites' wrong

Rabbi Irwin Kula
Guest Columnist

During every cultural war, people of this country use religion to legitimize and re-affirm their pre-existing political, moral and psychological agendas.

Such is the case with gay marriage. Conservatives and liberals — the "rites" vs. "rights" groups — each cite various religious texts and values to support their own views.

Each side sincerely believes that by legitimizing their views with religious sources, they wield the ultimate trump card. However, this tactic merely renders religion irrelevant and ensures it does not contribute desperately needed wisdom to the public conversation. Neither side of this debate has been true to their professed values.

The "rites people" do not really care about the sanctity of marriage and the unconditional love and commitment to family values that such rites express and witness.

They are "freaked out" by the love shared by two people of the same gender, so they offer a hysterical, angry view that gay marriages will somehow undermine heterosexual marriages and family values.

If the "rites people" really believed society was better off when people committed to stay together, they would celebrate that more people in this country want to be in binding monogamous relationships. On the other hand, the "rights people" are equally hypocritical.

Rather than worry about the label of marriage, which evokes fiery opposition, the "rights people" should concentrate on ensuring that every single legal right straight married couples share is mandated for similarly committed gay couples. But as much as they care about rights, they are really "freaked out" by not having the affirmation of those who oppose them. They believe this affirmation will come with obtaining the legal right to call their relationship "marriage."

Instead of fixating on the rhetorical victory of the "marriage" label, they should focus on emptying the label of its content. Progress on human rights is always too fast for some and too slow for others.

Ultimately, equality comes not simply by fighting against each other, but from living together as family and friends and inevitably realizing that our differences are merely the mystery of life unfolding in all its variety. This movement is unstoppable, and paradoxically the rights and rites that now divide us will, in the end, bind us as a nation.

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Views

Gregor the Good setting himself up for failure

UrbanCompass

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What started as a good idea — opening emergency shelters to provide people with refuge from the recent dreadful-by-Vancouver-standards winter — has turned into the rookie mayor's ordeal by shelter.

By keeping the shelters open beyond the emergency need, he has recreated Hastings and Main on the seawall, metres from high-priced highrises, trendy restaurants and boutiques, a preschool and a daycare.

These so-called low barrier shelters accept everyone, regardless of drug and alcohol addiction or behavioural problems, and inevitably, they have also attracted the sharks who prey on the people allegedly being helped: Drug dealers, criminals and prostitutes.

The result is a completely mayor-inspired crisis. The area residents, who don't live in the Downtown Eastside for a reason, are on fire, issuing daily bulletins about the hair-raising plague that has ruined their neighbourhood: Drug deals, car theft, open sex, weapons offences, all sprinkled with used needles, condoms, and human excrement.

It is not a beautiful day in the neighbourhood, Mr. Robertson.

Gregor the Good's response is to get all huffy at the residents' NIMBY attitude. Easy for him; he lives somewhere far away, on a Happy Planet. If people were doing drug deals and relieving themselves on your front lawn, how would you feel?

As long as he keeps these shelters open, the more he's going to learn about life in the Big City. Maybe that's a good thing, (but not if you have to live here). Maybe he'll learn that homelessness is not just about having a roof over your head, although it is about that too. Many homeless people have homeless spirits as well as homeless bodies and they need ceaseless, thankless, expensive support services to find their way home. It's not easy; it's not pretty, and you're setting yourself up for failure by promising to "end homelessness" by 2015.

Clearly, this is not all Gregor Robertson's fault. Our provincial government could take the $365 million earmarked for the roof of B.C. Place stadium (haven't they ever heard of duct tape?) and put it into helping — really helping — the homeless.

But this is not a quick fix, as Gregor the Good is finding out. In the meantime, he can fix his political fortunes by relocating those shelters away from the False Creek Seawall, so they're not adjacent to the daycare. Duh.

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Letters

Marriage is not a standard for gays to measure themselves

Re: Metro's Same-Sex coverage

As someone who marched in many gay rights marches back in the 1970s, I would like to take issue with your coverage of the same-sex marriage issue. You would appear to take it as a given that all in the gay community are automatically in favour of same-sex marriage and view it as an important civil right, with only the most intolerant and prejudiced homophobes fighting against it. The truth is otherwise. In the 1970s, same-sex marriage was a non-issue for gay activists, and coming out as a gay person meant accepting your identity and rejecting empty institutions (like) marriage.

We need to focus on true self-acceptance and not be fooled into thinking that the right to same-sex marriage is ultimately the true reflection of that.

REX LEONARD, HALIFAX

Credit to columnist's bravery

Re: Right to full-body veil (June 25)

Great insight into the niqab and burka. Thankfully, only a very tiny fraction of women wear these. Mona Eltahawy is very brave and sensible and should be congratulated for being forthright to express her views, even if some might not agree with her.

ANELA JADUNANDAN, PICKERING, ONT.

Khamenei does not speak for Iranians everywhere

Re: Iran says vote will stand (June 25)

We (Iranians-Calgarians) really appreciate Metro Canada for keeping people up to date with Iran's crisis news. But I have one issue about a headline in today's paper. I got so frustrated when I saw this title "Iran says vote will stand."

Who thinks (Ayatollah Sayyed Ali) Khamenei is equal to Iran? He is not even an Iranian.

NARGESS RABIEI, CALGARY

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Fedorov headed home

Washington Capitals forward Sergei Fedorov is leaving the NHL after signing a two-year deal with Metallurg Magnitogorsk of Russia's Kontinental Hockey League, Fedorov's agent said Thursday. Fedorov recorded 483 goals and 696 assists in 1,248 regular-season NHL games. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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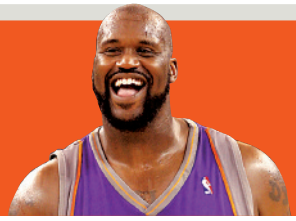

Cav-a-Shaq

Two of the NBA's biggest stars are now teammates. The Cleveland Cavaliers completed a blockbuster trade Thursday, bringing superstar centre Shaquille O'Neal, left, from the Phoenix Suns to join current MVP LeBron James. The Cavs are sending centre Ben Wallace and swingman Sasha Pavlovic to the Suns, along with a second-round pick in the 2010 draft and cash. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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No surprise: Clips pick Griffin first

BASKETBALL The Los Angeles Clippers selected Oklahoma standout forward Blake Griffin as the No. 1 overall pick in the NBA Draft on Thursday, but the top 10 picks were mostly dominated by backcourt players.

Memphis took Connecticut centre Hasheem Thabeet at No. 2. Oklahoma City selected Arizona State guard James Harden as the third selection. Sacramento also took a guard at No. 4 in Memphis' Tyreke Evans.

Toronto made Southern California guard DeMar DeRozan the ninth pick.

Earlier, the New Jersey Nets dealt former Raptor Vince Carter and Ryan Anderson to the Orlando Magic for Rafer Alston, Courtney Lee and Tony Battie. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports in brief

MAPLE LEAFS Toronto GM Brian Burke says he's currently weighing an offer for Kaberle, Toronto's longest-tenured player. An "attention-grabbing" proposal arrived out of the blue for the smooth-skating defenceman, who sees his no-trade clause expire on Friday because the team missed the playoffs.

DRUGS Chicago Cubs catcher Geovany Soto says he is embarrassed after testing positive for marijuana at this year's World Baseball Classic. Soto says he will accept any consequences for his mistake. The Cubs released a statement during Thursday's 6-5 loss at Detroit saying they were unhappy about the news. The Cubs also said it was the first positive drug test of Soto's career. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada's all-star coaching staff

MATTHEW WUEST
Metro Canada

Hockey has been described as a game of inches, but Mike Babcock is looking at it as a game of 200 feet.

Officially unveiled yesterday as head coach of the Canadian men's hockey team for 2010 Olympics in Vancouver, Babcock discussed his blueprint for the team — one that is committed without the puck and plays the full length of the rink.

In other words, don't expect to see many one-dimensional players on the list when Babcock and his staff unveil the 44-man summer selection camp roster in the next 10 days.

"We're not looking to bring apples and make oranges," the Detroit Red Wings head coach said in a conference call yesterday. "We're going to bring the guys who do on a regular basis what we expect the Canadian Olympic team to do."

Babcock sat down with assistant coaches Ken Hitchcock, Lindy Ruff and Jacques Lemaire on Wednesday night and reviewed a list of selection camp candidates assembled by general manager Steve Yzerman over the past season.

Some of the hardest decisions will be down the middle. Sidney Crosby, Mike Richards, Vincent Lecavalier, Joe Thornton, Eric Staal, Ryan Getzlaf and Marc Savard are just the beginning of the star-studded list of centre-ice talent.

But Babcock said he won't hesitate to pick more centres and have them play out of their natural position.

"Steve (Yzerman) played on the wing in 2002 and he was a centre his whole life," Babcock said. "Good players just play the game and understand how it should be played."

While there will be plenty of emphasis placed on the summer camp, the staff will spend the first part of 2009-10 evaluating players, particularly younger ones.

Canada's staff will make the ultimate call, but Babcock said it's up to the players to prove their worth.

"They're going to decide who's on the team," he said.

JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY IMAGES

Team Canada's 2010 Men's Olympic hockey head coach Mike Babcock poses for a photo op with his assistant coaches Jacques Lemaire, Lindy Ruff and Ken Hitchcock Thursday in Montreal.

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

Murray marches on at Wimbledon

TENNIS Andy Murray made light work of a tricky teatime assignment at Wimbledon on Thursday while Lleyton Hewitt, the man who has already lifted the trophy the Scot so cherishes, rolled back the years to cause a big upset.

In front of 15,000 Centre Court fans and thousands watching the match on Henman Hill's giant screen, Murray devoured Latvian Ernests Gulbis 6-2, 7-5, 6-3 to clear another hurdle toward becoming Britain's first men's singles champion in 73 years.

Murray was joined in the third round by dogged Australian Hewitt, the 2002 champion, who produced a vintage display to dispatch fifth seed Juan Martin del Potro in straight sets.

Women's No. 3 seed Venus Williams, who along with her sister Serena has collected sackfuls of silverware here, powered past Ukraine's Kateryna Bondarenko to remain firmly on course for a hat-trick of singles titles.

The American five-time champion, who played with a strapping on her left knee, powered into the third round with a 6-3, 6-2 victory and was joined in the last 32 by Russia's world No. 1 Dinara Safina and French Open winner Svetlana Kuznetsova. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Hockey Hall should broaden criteria

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It's hard to argue with the players who've just been selected to hockey's Hall of Fame. Leetch, Yzerman, Robitaille and Hull. It doesn't get much better than that.

But where's the magic? Where's the imaginative touch distinguishing the institution as something more than a place where those who've accumulated the best numbers over their careers find the key to unlock the door?

Hockey is the ultimate team game. Why isn't there a willingness to include the teams that have defined the sport for many generations of fans?

One could think of both squads that played in the 1972 Summit Series, a confrontation that assumed an exalted meaning for the game and for the time in which it was played. The gritty Canadians persevered, but the surprising Soviets served notice that they were a force to be reckoned with.

It was the most famous set of games ever played. It featured three consecutive game winning goals by one player, Paul Henderson, whose name is familiar with most fans. Yet, neither the team nor the player is included in the Hall of Fame.

The "Miracle on Ice" Americans who won the Olympic gold medal at Lake Placid in 1980 are not in the Hockey Hall of Fame. Yet their improbable victory against the seemingly indestructible Soviet Union is the stuff of legend.

Hockey is about more than just individuals who score the most goals or win the most Stanley Cups. It is about mythology and tall tales. It should be about the characters that have made the game great and wonderful.

To that end, the Hockey Hall of Fame needs to be more inclusive, indeed imaginative, in selecting those who reside in the shrine for all time.

Not only should the great teams merit consideration but so too should the women who have pioneered a boom crossing the lines of gender. Players like Angela James and Cassie Campbell.

And one more thing, love him or hate him, Don Cherry is the most famous person in hockey. He is a character who has forged much of hockey's folklore.

These are the kinds of people who should gain entry to hockey's Hall. Their inclusion would ensure that all of our memories of a beloved game are filled with magic.

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BoA hit with gender discrimination suit

Bank of America Corp. was accused in a Manhattan federal lawsuit of discriminating against female brokers at the former Merrill Lynch & Co. by offering them lower retention bonuses than male counterparts.

Thursday's lawsuit seeks class-action status, and contends that female brokers were typically eligible for lower bonuses because of gender bias at Merrill, including the practice of steering wealthier clients to male brokers.

Because bonuses were based on "production," or fees earned on client assets, the bonus distribution "disproportionately disadvantages women and advantages white men as favoured employees," the complaint said.

Retention bonuses are often awarded to brokers who work at companies being acquired to keep them from defecting, and top producers can reach seven figures.

Bank of America has said it has about 15,800 brokers, most of whom came from Merrill. Chief executive Kenneth Lewis has called the brokerage business the "crown jewel" of Merrill.

The case was brought by Jaime Goodman, who has worked at Merrill since 1992. It said she has been a top-quintile performer and "a $1-million producer for nearly a decade," but would have performed even better and gotten a higher retention bonus absent discrimination.

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Ex-Southwestern CEO admits fraud

GOLD Former Southwestern Resources chief executive John Paterson has admitted reporting false results for the company's China gold project and selling company shares before the results were revealed to be a fraud in 2007, according to a settlement.

In a statement Thursday, the British Columbia Securities Commission said Paterson admitted to fraud and illegal insider trading, and will be banned for life from trading securities in B.C. or acting as a corporate director or officer.

Stock plunged

- The stock charged through 2006 on positive results, but eased as the number of skeptics grew, and then plunged in July 2007 after the drill results were withdrawn.

According to an agreed statement of facts, Paterson, a trained geologist, admitted altering assay result certificates. The certificates provided the data for company press releases touting high-grade gold strikes at its Boka gold project in China's Hunan province.

He then transferred the false data into the company database and prepared press releases which included the discrepancies. The company claimed at one point that Boka contained more than 3 million ounces of gold.

He sold 50,000 shares of Southwestern on July 16 — for proceeds of about $300,000 — three days before Southwestern said it had found errors and was withdrawing all of the drill results. REUTERS

Bell, Telus eyeing iPhone

MOBILE Wireless subscribers at Bell Canada Inc. and Telus Corp. who have been yearning for an iPhone may not have to wait much longer.

Sources say the two former phone monopolies are set to roll out a joint $1-billion upgrade of their wireless networks as early as this fall, months ahead of schedule, that will allow them to support a range of GSM-based devices including Apple Inc.'s iconic iPhone, which is so far only available in Canada through rival Rogers Communications Inc.

Units moved

- A Rogers spokesperson said the cable giant sold more than 385,000 iPhones during the second half of last year.

Unlike other handset vendors, Apple has played hardball with wireless providers by dictating everything from the way new iPhone accounts can be activated to the device's $199 price tag (16 gigabyte 3GS model) when purchased with a contract.

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U.K. film studio hopes to help T.O.

FILM Giant movie studio Pinewood Shepperton says it hopes to get the Toronto movie industry moving again by using their internationally known brand to funnel movies into Canada.

But local competitors cried foul Thursday over the city using taxpayer dollars to take an ownership stake in a new studio run by the British company, saying it may put them out of business. "We are competing with a major foreign studio who is running a taxpayer funded facility," said Peter Lucas, president of Showline Ltd., which has five studios in Toronto. "The city is providing benefits to a foreign player that they have not provided to us, which means the playing field has been tilted substantially."

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Business in brief

AUTO General Motors received final court approval Thursday to borrow up to $33.3 billion from the U.S., Canadian and Ontario governments to carry the automaker through its bankruptcy. GM had received interim court approval on June 2 to access up to $15 billion of the financing. The loan marks the largest yet approved in a U.S. bankruptcy. REUTERS

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Mortgages in reverse

For some seniors, tapping into their equity can battle the recession

Distressed stock portfolios and a softening real estate market are just some of the economic issues currently impacting Canadians.

Seniors, the country's largest growing demographic, are also increasingly concerned. A recent Angus Reid survey revealed that a majority (53 per cent) of Canadians over 60 feel less secure about their financial future, compared to this time last year.

Major swings in the stock market can wreak havoc on the investment portfolios of those on fixed incomes. Losses on investments combined with increased economic uncertainty have had a significant impact on the retirement plans of many Canadians. In fact, Angus Reid reported that 37 per cent of Canadians over 60 who have not yet retired have been forced to delay their retirement plans due to the current economic downturn.

The doom and gloom forecasted by many economists has motivated some seniors to seek out additional sources of income: One option being a reverse mortgage. For more than 20 years, Canadian Home Income Plan (CHIP) has been providing homeowners aged 60 and over with a stable and reliable financial solution, which enables them to access up to 40 per cent of their home's value, with no income, credit or medical requirements.

As many seniors are discovering, a reverse mortgage can fill the equity gap left as a result of declining stock values. This can provide an attractive alternative to simply selling off one's investments and missing out on the potential to recoup losses. Leveraging the equity in a home can provide seniors with the opportunity to take advantage of the current cost of stocks and build a stronger investment portfolio.

Boomer options

By obtaining a CHIP Home Income Plan and unlocking the equity in their home, Canadian seniors can augment their income and enjoy their retirement. More information on this topic can be obtained online at chip.ca, toll-free at 1-866-522-2447, or from your financial planner or banker.

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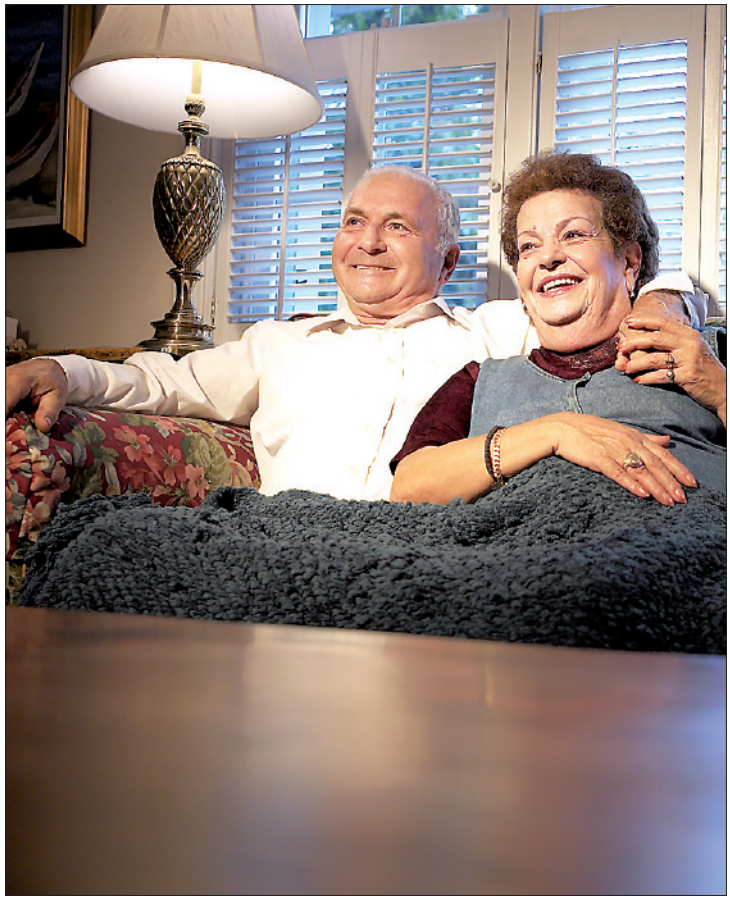

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Women set to budget, pay down debt in 2009

SURVEY With no clear end to the crisis in sight, Canadian women are making 2009 the year they take back control of their financial situations. According to Desjardins Financial Security's Rethink Retirement Survey, women are ready to increase their savings, living frugally and making the most of what they have.

When asked which financial priorities were their main concern for 2009:

- 28 per cent said sticking to a budget
- 14 per cent said paying off their mortgage or other debts

"Every new year, women tend to make resolutions about improving their health and wellness. We'd like to suggest that women give special attention this year to their financial health," said Karrina Dusablon, director, Education Centre and Global Management at Desjardins Financial Security. "For example, consider making one simple financial improvement in 2009, like always paying cash or by creating a special entertainment slush fund. The best thing about financial fitness is that you get immediate gain with very little pain."

More information on simple financial strategies to improve your financial wellbeing can be found online at rethinkretirement.ca.

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Pre-qualified vs. pre-approved

MORTGAGE Thinking about buying a new home but not sure what the difference is between being pre-qualified and pre-approved for a mortgage? Bernice Dunsby, RBC's senior manager of home equity, has some answers.

"When you're pre-qualified for a mortgage," says Ms. Dunsby, "a lender has simply given you a rough idea of how much you may be able to finance to buy your home."

"On the other hand," she continues, "with a pre-approved mortgage, a lender has made an actual commitment, subject to conditions, to loan you money."

You'll find house-hunting is easier with the advantages of mortgage pre-approval:

- You'll save time, seeing only homes you can afford, and you can better manage your money, knowing your monthly payment amounts, as well as how much your down payment will be.
- Real estate agents will serve you better because they know you're serious and ready to buy, and when you make an offer to purchase, the seller is more likely to give it serious consideration because you have solid financial backing. Your pre-approved status may also give you more negotiating power with a seller.
- Your mortgage rate will be locked in against increases for 90 days with most financial institutions if you select a fixed rate term (and it can go lower if rates go down). There's no cost to you for a pre-approval and you're not obligated to accept the mortgage. More information on buying a home or getting pre-approval can be found online at findingourhome.ca.

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Small business: The longview

TIPS Most business owners will tell you it's often a matter of getting the most out of what you've got. But many business owners work so hard *in* the business that they neglect to find time to work *on* the business. Stephen Aikman, national manager, Retail Clients at RBC, offers these tips:

Review your budget and plan for different scenarios.

It's good practice, particularly in uncertain climates, to have three scenarios mapped out in your budgeting process — an ideal scenario, one that's reasonable, and a worst case situation.

Review cash flow projections.

Since you're likely using your budget to predict cash flow and cash needs, use three-month cash flow projections, which are more realistic than one-year forecasts.

Monitor your finances and know your business danger signs.

Keep a close eye on your financials — watch for warning signs like low cash flow reserves, increasing expenses, delayed payables, taxes in arrears, and decreasing sales.

Protect your business.

Some ideas include: Actively manage your relationships with suppliers, service providers and lenders by communicating with them regularly; secure related-party debt; limit personal guarantees for borrowings and land leases; and cover the repayment obligation if you have a line of credit or a term loan with a matching life insurance policy.

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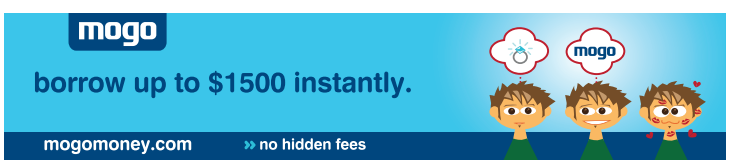

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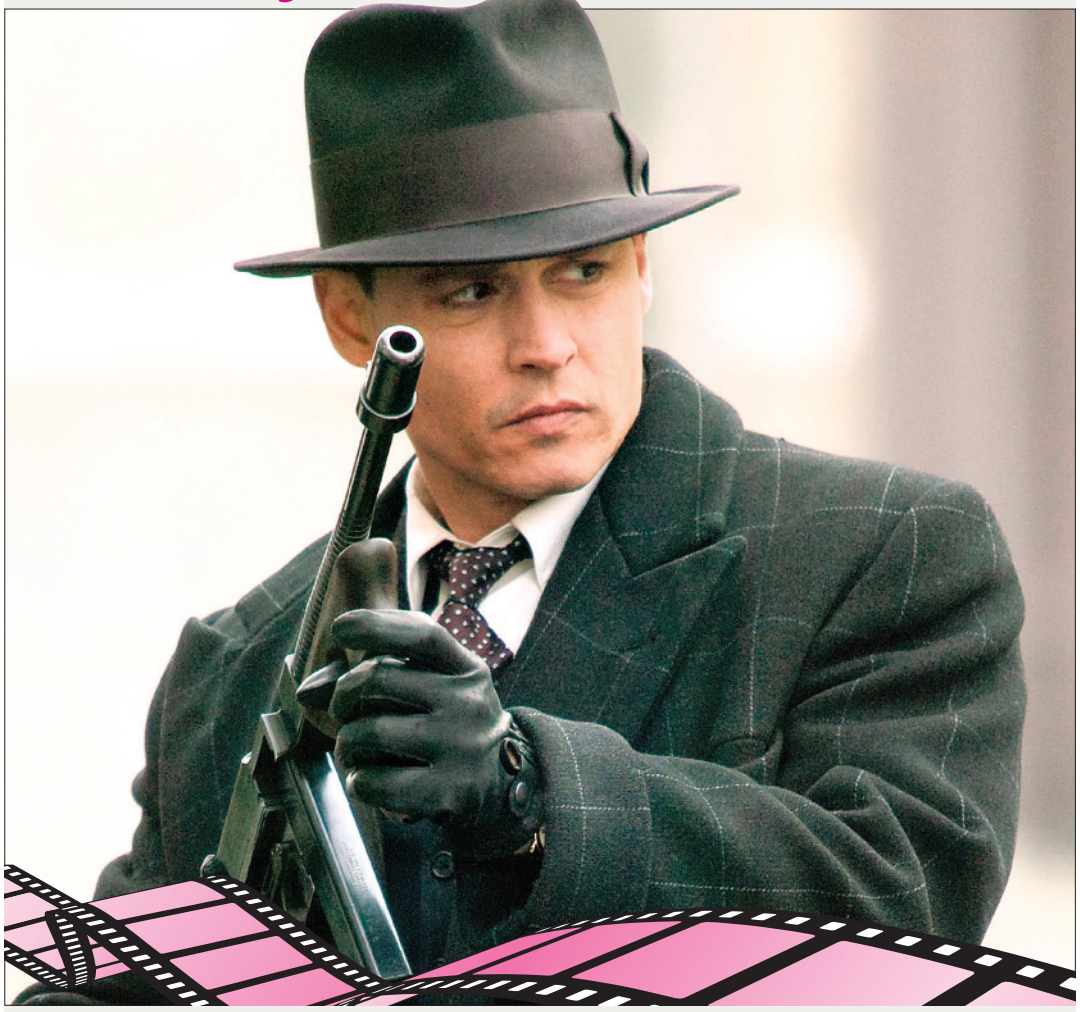

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Don't get it wrong: Costello is definitely not a journalist.

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Johnny's got a gun

Celeb outlaw Dillinger Depp's latest avatar

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Movie **feature**

Johnny Depp plays larger-than-life criminal John Dillinger in Michael Mann's Public Enemies.

Johnny Depp doesn't know what time it is. Though he technically calls an adorable village in France home and owns an island in the Caribbean, the mercurial actor spends so much time working that his internal clock is all out of whack.

"I've been on location for so long that I don't know what time zone I'm in. I could be in Puerto Rico at the moment," he says before adding with a thoughtful grin, "I still sort of am."

Public Enemies hits theatres next week

Depp has made a career out of embodying larger-than-life characters, making oddballs completely relatable. He has a surprisingly low number of turkeys on his packed resume from the last 25 years.

For every The Ninth Gate or Don Juan Demarco, there are plenty of films like Donnie Brasco, Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas and What's Eating Gilbert Grape — and that's even before getting into his work with Tim Burton.

"Most people when they hear Tim Burton give me direction or we're talking about the character on the set, people are baffled, completely befuddled," Depp says of the director he's worked with on some of his most famous roles.

They're working again now, too, on Burton's take on Alice in Wonderland, in which Depp plays the Mad Hatter.

In his latest film, Public Enemies — out next week — Depp takes on the iconic role of celebrity outlaw John Dillinger, someone he found he could easily relate to.

"Dillinger was handed the ball and he just ran with it, which isn't any different than what happened to me a very long time ago," Depp explains. "You're handed the ball, and you go as far as you can go until somebody says, 'Alright, kid, you're done. Get off the ride.'"

On the web

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But that doesn't seem like it will happen any time soon for Depp, not with Alice coming down the pike, plus talk about a fourth Pirates of the Caribbean film. The success he's enjoyed has been immense — there is that private island, after all — but it has its drawbacks.

For instance, he can't exactly go wherever he wants without getting noticed. But Depp accepts the necessity of it. "I suppose the alternative is the real drag, that if there's no attention then the job goes away," he says reflectively.

Still, there must be some things he'd like to do that he can't at his level of celebrity.

"I'd walk through Disneyland with my kids. I'd go on every ride," he admits.

"Daddy walks through Disneyland with them now, things get weird."

Cheri's tone inconsistent

Cheri

Director: Stephen Frears
Stars: Michelle Pfeiffer, Kathy Bates
Classification: STC
Rating: ⊕⊕½

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Michelle Pfeiffer and Rupert Friend play lovers in Cheri.

REVIEW At 51, Michelle Pfeiffer is still a stunning beauty and so, it would seem natural that she star as an aging-but-alluring temptress in her latest film, Cheri.

In this adaptation of Colette's classic 1920 novel, the actress shines not just physically but also by showing us that — as Lea, a retired early-20th century Parisian courtesan — she can still convincingly seduce the wealthy son of a rival.

Nicknamed Cheri (Rupert Friend), the young bachelor and his elder lover endure for six years until his mother arranges a separate marriage to a more eligible suitor. As such, the passionate couple discovers that the informal nature of their relationship may be more profound than they originally conceived.

Directed by Stephen Frears (The Queen) from a script by Christopher Hampton, Cheri definitely has the promise of success. But whereas this filmmaking-duo captured scandalous thrills when they paired for 1988's Dangerous Liaisons, Cheri only briefly alludes to such seedy apprehension.

Instead, the drama's tone is too inconsistent; especially when a jarring narration pops up and suddenly lends the film a Little Britain-esque comedic feel.

Alba buys rights to graphic novels
Jessica Alba, no stranger to comic book adaptations, is reported to have acquired the screen rights to The Insiders, a series of graphic novels created in 2002 by Jean-Claude Bartoll and Renaud Garreta. **EMPIREONLINE.COM**

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Keeper a crying shame

My Sister's **Keeper**
Director: Nick Cassavetes
Stars: Cameron Diaz, Abigail Breslin
Classification: PG
Rating: ●●

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Nick Cassavetes' latest film is a cold, unfeeling tear-jerking machine, unrelenting in its quest to make you reach for the tissues. It pushes every button it can think of to get the waterworks going, not because the emotion of the story demands it, but because watching a movie like this, you're just supposed to be crying.

Cameron Diaz, left, and Abigail Breslin star in My Sister's Keeper.

The story is a tricky one, a complex tale of sacrifice and compromise in the face of terminal disease. After finding out their second child (newcomer Sofia Vassilieva) has a rare form of leukemia, a couple (Cameron Diaz and Jason Patric) make the controversial decision to have another child (Abigail Breslin), a "donor child," in an effort to keep the other alive.

And it works, but requires the youngest to endure multiple operations, bone marrow extracts and hospital stays. At age 11, after being asked for a kidney, she says enough is enough and hires a lawyer (Alec Baldwin) to sue for medical emancipation.

The real tragedy is that's some meaty subject matter that could make for very compelling, multilayered storytelling exploring the complexities of the situation, but that's not what we get. Instead, we get a relentless tear-jerking machine.

The focus here is on the family, naturally, but it's too splayed. Every character — including Baldwin — gets a chance to narrate, just so the audience doesn't miss a single nuance that a better movie would have managed to communicate without resorting to six or seven narrators.

The whole mess is framed by Vassilieva going through a book of collages she's made of her life — which would've been a neat framing device, except the movie proceeds to flit around through time with no way of telling the audience they've just jumped, say, two years back. By the time you figure out where a scene fits in the chronology, the next one has already started.

It's tough to fault Diaz, Baldwin, Patric or any of the young actors involved. They all try valiantly to make the best of it, but the material is working against them. What could have been poignant and complex comes off shrill, saccharine and cynical.

• For My Sister's Keeper photos, a trailer and screen times, or to buy tickets visit metronews.ca-movies.

Watchmen headed to theatres again

SCREENINGS The director's cut of Watchmen, featuring an additional 25 minutes of footage and the death of a supporting character, will receive a limited theatrical rollout during the weekend ahead of its July 21 home-video release.

The superhero saga, which was considered to be a bit of a box office disappointment during its first go-round in March, will screen in Los Angeles, New York, Minneapolis and Dallas.

The rollout will culminate with a special screening July 25 at the Comic-Con International confab in San Diego, taking advantage of a Blu-ray disc feature that will allow any viewer in North America to watch the movie at the same time as the audience at Comic-Con, see and hear director Zack Snyder comment on the movie and even ask questions.

REUTERS

Little Ashes paean to pretty face, not painter

Little **Ashes**
Director: Paul Morrison
Stars: Robert Pattinson, Matthew McNulty
Classification: R
Rating: ●●

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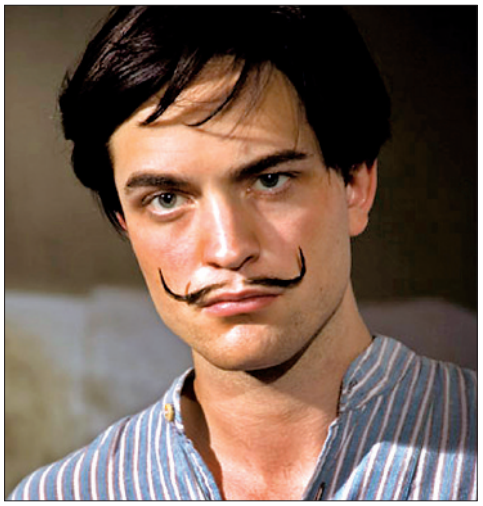
Robert Pattinson plays a young Salvadaor Dali in Little Ashes.

REVIEW Warning: Team Edward beware — Pattinson plays gay. Robert Pattinson, the moody anti-hero Twilight pinup, is just not that into girls in this damp, dark and decadent period piece.

The film is set in Spain in the 1920s, with Pattinson playing a young Salvador Dali, who arrives at Madrid's Academy of Fine Arts looking like a costume trunk explosion. He's dressed to kill, not in vampire black, but flowing silk brocade robes, turbans, thigh high leather boots and kinky school boy gear, determined to raise eyebrows.

We soon learn that this narcissistic, grandiose soul is desperately out of place, painfully shy and too sensitive for the world. When he's not posing in the mirror or crying in a corner, he's vamping.

Shortly after his arrival at school, Dali joins a brotherhood of radical student writers, painters and musicians. He and poet Federico Garcia Lorca begin a "bromance" which quickly morphs into a romance, a reckless undertaking given the political and social climate of 1920s Spain.

We follow their rather bloodless affair, but nothing much happens.

The star of the film is Pattinson's eerily perfect face, framed in relentless close-ups in a kind of pretty porn. His performance is disappointing though, gutless, consistently wooden and self-conscious.

In the end, Little Ashes is a lightweight film about a pretty face. One of the most original artists of the modern age deserves better.

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Evan Rachel Wood, left, and Larry David form an unusual bond in Whatever Works.

Allen as sharp as ever

Whatever **Works**
Director: Woody Allen
Stars: Larry David, Evan Rachel Wood
Classification: PG-13
Rating: ●●●●

ANNE BRODIE
for Metro Canada

Woody Allen has finally rediscovered his mojo and pulled off one of his best films in years. He's back in New York after a couple of soggy Euro trash outings, as robust and inventive as he's ever been.

And Larry David, as the central character and a newer model of the master, is perfection; Allen appears to hand him his mantle. Not only does David seamlessly sub for Allen but he's hysterical in his own right. They're Hollywood's hottest new couple, and as sharp as it gets these days.

David is Boris Yellnikoff, a younger, sexier malcontent, a scathingly hilarious but unforgiving moaner, who "sees everything" and so is able to break the cinematic fourth wall to address the audience directly. He immediately shares his primary belief — that life is "whatever works."

His café friends wonder who he's talking to as he delivers his big monologue, because they don't see "us." Don't worry, Boris tells them. "They're here to see me." And he's right, David's the draw. He's the real deal, delivering Allen's dense script with zing.

Boris is a bitter string theorist, who was once nearly nominated for the Nobel Prize. He apparently married to "quell the panic" but that too flopped. When he failed at suicide, he "moved downtown and gave up." He's a study in contrasts, the life of the party and a self-righteous hater of people ("inchworms and cretins"). He craves isolation but he doesn't find it.

A Southern teenager named Melodie St. Ann Celestine (Wood) shows up on Boris' doorstep looking for food. He lets her in, against everything he stands for, but starts to feel twinges of life rising. He's a 'genius' and she's 'stupid', but they develop a bond.

Boris is really old and Melodie is really young. We may not be gung-ho for their relationship which recalls the Allen and Soon Yi Previn saga, but we're shown how organically they mesh. I'm not saying it's Allen's apologia and I'm not saying it's forever, but he lays it out.

Allen has renewed his cachet in this, his 42nd film. He's back with New York, his longest-lasting, truest love. The city may be filled with inchworms and cretins and the occasional genius but they are inchworms and cretins and geniuses Allen understands.

Too alienating an Experience

The Girlfriend **Experience**
Director: Steven Soderbergh
Stars: Sasha Grey, Glenn Kenny
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Candada

REVIEW Having fuelled 401(k) fantasies with the Ocean's series, Steven Soderbergh probes the newfound vulnerability of the high-roller set with The Girlfriend Experience, an elliptical drama set against the backdrop of the current economic crisis.

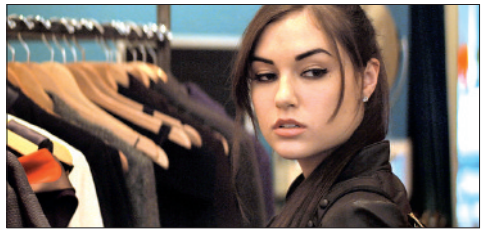
Chelsea (preternatural old porn icon Sasha Grey) works as an escort for Manhattan's power elite; in between hotel-room rendezvouses with men increasingly focused on the erosion of their assets, she works diligently to distinguish herself as a trusted sex-trade brand name.

Chelsea is a post-modern creature — the call girl as self-starting entrepreneur. She's never less than immaculately coiffed, but there's surely nothing glamorous about watching her haggle over rates with her web designer, nor in her meeting with a grotty "erotic connoisseur" (film critic Glenn Kenny) who promises to promote her services in exchange for a free sample.

This latter episode might be interpreted as Soderbergh commenting on his own commodity status as an art-house hero, a reputation that will only be ratified by The Girlfriend Experience's beautifully framed interiors and expertly fragmented puzzle-box structure.

Soderbergh's technique is so refined, in fact, that this film about states of alienation becomes more than a little bit alienating itself.

Chelsea's near-total opacity is likely the point of this 21st century gloss on early Godard, but by the film's end, it's debatable whether we even know Two or Three Things about Her.



Sasha Grey stars in The Girlfriend Experience.

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More best pic noms welcomed

OSCARS If ever there were a time that Hollywood needed a jolt of adrenaline, Wednesday was it — but from, of all places, the staid, mostly predictable Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences?

What everyone thought would be another sleepy announcement about an arcane rule change in the documentary or foreign language category turned into the headline of the day — opening up the Oscar race to 10 best picture nominees.

The rationale is not that hard to fathom: The awards telecast has been dwindling in the ratings for a decade; at the same time, folks have been carping about the tilt of the noms — too arty, too downbeat, too too — or the exclusion of comedies or the relegation of animation to its own category. Some had even hazarded aloud that, of all things, the Golden Globes were the guys with the right idea, even if their 10 best pic noms are bifurcated by genre.

So with one masterstroke, all the goal posts have been shifted.

Most folks were gobsmacked by the news, with many — think all those filmmakers who believe their films have been snubbed — applauding the stratagem. As for wannabe Oscar consultants, now is the time to hang out that shingle.

"I think (Academy president) Sid Ganis has a great marketing mind and that this is a brilliant move," media consultant Michael Levine said.

"After all, the biggest sin these days is irrelevance, and whether the expansion ultimately resonates with the public or not, the move will get a lot of attention. Sometimes you just have to do something bold to re-energize a classic brand."

But from a different perspective, longtime Oscar maven Tony Angellotti, who now consults for Universal and Disney Animation, thinks the move could well dilute "both the quality and the impact of the award. I would imagine the studios are grieving over this. They'll have to spend more money and not likely see a return – just what they don't need in a recession." REUTERS

Transformers sequel sets record

Transformers: Revenge Of The Fallen, Michael Bay's mega-sequel, grossed a record $55 million US on Wednesday, its opening day in North America, beating the previous title-holder, Harry Potter And The Order Of The Phoenix, by $10.8 million. EMPIREONLINE.COM

Reel Time

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The Soderbergh experience

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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You'd be hard pressed to find a movie fan that hasn't seen the Steven Soderbergh films Traffic, Erin Brockovich and at least one of the Ocean's movies.

A little more eclectic, but still popular are The Limey and Out of Sight, two of the director's box office near-misses. Mainstream films like those, though, comprise only a fraction of the director's resume.

Since his breakout film Sex, Lies and Videotape in 1989, Soderbergh has directed 19 films (including his latest The Girlfriend Experience, in theatres today), but only a handful — usually the ones starring George Clooney or Julia Roberts — could be called blockbusters. Many others have, however, languished.

Here's a couple of the director's deserving films that didn't set the box office ablaze.

Soderbergh said that "all attempts at synopsizing (Schizopolis) have ended in failure and hospitalization."

With health card in hand, here goes: Schizopolis is a surrealistic look at two people who can't communicate. As the level of emotional detachment increases so does the weird stuff.

There's an exterminator (David Jansen) who only speaks in non sequiturs and near the end Soderbergh's character (he's a triple threat here as actor, writer and director) only speaks in overdubbed Italian, Japanese and French.

"All attempts at synopsizing (Schizopolis) have ended in failure and hospitalization."
Steven Soderbergh

Even the director acknowledges that this is an eccentric film, noting that the only people who ever ask him about it are "the ones with the crazy look in their eyes when I go to festivals."

1993's King of the Hill is more accessible but still made less than $1.5 million at the box office. Based on a 1972 memoir by A.E. Hotchner, it's the story of a 12-year-old boy surviving and thriving on his own during the Great Depression.

One IMDB contributor called this "the best American film of the '90s," while another wrote "Spielberg, eat your heart out, this is a real feel good movie."

Rent it for its unsentimental storytelling and great performances, particularly from Adrien Brody who plays the main character's surrogate big brother.

Other interesting Soderbergh movies still waiting to grab an audience are the Spalding Gray monologue film Gray's Anatomy and the suspense story Kafka, but no matter how odd or how low budget these films are, don't get the idea Soderbergh doubts their commercial appeal.

"When I'm making them," he says, "they all feel commercial to me. It's no joke. If I'm making a movie for a million bucks, I feel like this thing could blow up. It's happened before."

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrchaos33@hotmail.com.

Critically acclaimed director Steven Soderbergh says all his films "feel commercial" when he's making them. His latest, The Girlfriend Experience, is now in limited release.

Western turns north

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Paul Gross stays in character on the B.C. set of Gunless.

By portraying everything from a Mountie in TV's Due South, to a Canadian war hero in his epic drama Passchendaele, Paul Gross has become a national treasure. However, in his latest project, the actor is putting his reputation on the line by playing the part of an American.

"It was the only way I could be a gunslinger," says Gross recently on the movie set of Gunless — which just finished filming in British Columbia this week. "There were no Canadian gunslingers (called) The Saskatoon Kid. I don't think we had them."

As a result, Gross had to settle as The Montana Kid in director Bill Phillips' (Foolproof) latest comedy. A fictional tale about an American outlaw that stumbles into a sleepy Canadian hamlet, Kid struggles with an impending gunfight in a town that doesn't even supply bullets.

Gunless is scheduled for release in spring 2010

"I've always loved westerns. I've always loved the idea of taking what is very much an American genre and pushing it north of the 49th parallel," says Phillips. "Given our sense of irony and sometimes our sense of envy of America, we can poke fun of ourselves."

As such, Phillips took his production to arid Osoyoos, B.C., where his crew not only constructed an impressive small-town in the middle of a remote hillside, but they began filming under extremely hot and dusty conditions.

"We made a very pointed decision to come to Osoyoos," adds Phillips. "That was a bit of a daring move because it's a Canadian film with a Canadian budget and it takes a lot to pull this off. But we decided to put our eggs in this basket and we're glad we did because anywhere we point the camera, it looks great."

While decked out in layers of thick, black clothing under an oppressive sun, Gross agrees that working on such a set is amazing. But he also insists that some days — he was definitely earning his paycheck.

"The first time you put (the costume) on, it's kind of fun. (But) in 100 degree heat with a three-piece wool suit, less so," Gross laughed before adding, "But it's alright, it's a dry heat — whatever that means."

Screen Times

This week's new releases are highlighted in pink.

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OMNIMAX THEATRE SCIENCE WORLD
1455 Quebec St., 604-443-7443

Listings not available at press time.

CN IMAX THEATRE
201-999 Canada Place, 604-682-4629

Alaska: Spirit of the Wild (G) Fri-Thu 6
Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk in 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12-2-4-8
U2 3D (G) Fri-Sun 9
Under the Sea 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1-3-5-7

DUNBAR THEATRE
4555 Dunbar Street, 604-222-2991

The Hangover (18A) Fri 7-9:30 Sat-Sun 4-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30

FIFTH AVENUE CINEMAS
2110 Burrard Street, 604-734-7469

Away We Go (14A) Fri-Thu 2:15-4:40-7:10-9:15
Chéri (14A) Fri-Thu 2-4:30-7:30-9:35
Departures (Japanese w/e.s.t.) (G) Fri-Sat 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:30 Sun 4:10-6:50-9:30 Mon 1:30-4:10-6:50 Tue-Thu 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:30
My Sister's Keeper (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4-7-9:20
Sharkwater (PG) A.M. Sat 11 Sun 1
Whatever Works (PG) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:20-7:20-9:25

GRANVILLE
855 Granville St., 604-684-4000

The Brothers Bloom (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7-9:30
Easy Virtue (G) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:20-6:55-9:25
Ghostbusters (STC) Fri 6:45
Ghostbusters II (STC) Fri 6:45
Imagine That (G) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10
Land of the Lost (PG) Fri 1:05-4-6:50 Sat-Thu 1:05-4-6:50-9:35
My Life in Ruins (PG) Fri-Thu 9:50
Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) Fri 1:15-4:05 Sat 1:15-4:05-7:10 Sun 1:15 Mon-Wed 1:15-4:05-7:10 Thu 1:15-4:05
The Soloist (PG) Fri-Thu 7:05-9:40
Victoria Day (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:15-7:15-9:45
WWE: The Bash (STC) Sun 5
X-Men Origins: Wolverine (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4:25-7:20-9:55

HOLLYWOOD THEATRE
3123 W. Broadway, 604-738-3211
hollywoodtheatre.ca

Monsters vs. Aliens (G) Sat-Sun 1:30
Two Lovers (PG) Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 3:15-7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30
The Wrestler (14A) Fri-Thu 9:30

OAKRIDGE
650 West 41st Ave., 604-263-1944

The Hangover (18A) Fri-Thu 1-4-7:40-10:05
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri-Thu 12-3:30-7:10:20
Up (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:20-9:50

PACIFIC CINÉMATHÈQUE
1131 Howe Street, 604-688-3456
cinematheque.bc.ca

Signore & Signore: Leading Ladies of Italian Cinema (STC) Fri 7:15-9:20 Sat 7-9:15 Sun 7-9 Mon 7:30-9:30 Wed 7-9:15 Thu 7-9

PARK THEATRE
3440 Cambie Street, 604-876-2747

Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D (G) Wed 11-1-3-5-7-9 Thu 1-3-5-7-9
Star Trek (PG) Fri 4-7-9:35 Sat-Sun 1-4-7-9:35 Mon-Tue 4-7-9:35

RIDGE THEATRE
3131 Arbutus Street, 604-738-6311

Sharkwater (PG) Fri 1 Mon-Tue 1
Summer Hours (PG) Fri 4-7-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-7-9:15 Mon-Tue 4-7-9:15 Wed 1:30-4-7-9:15 Thu 4-7-9:15
Toons For Toddlers (STC) A.M. Sun 10:30

RIO ON BROADWAY
1660 E. Broadway, 604-878-Film

riotheatre.ca

The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert (STC) Fri 12
Dancehall Queen (STC) Sat 11:30
Year One (PG) Fri 7-9:15 Sat-Sun 4:20-7-9:15 Mon-Thu 7-9:15

SCOTIABANK THEATRE VANCOUVER
900 Burrard St., 604-630-1407

Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 11:30-11:50-2-2:20-4:30-5-7:10-7:40-9:50-10:20
Metropolitan Opera: I Puritani (STC) Sat 10
Public Enemies (14A) No Passes Wed-Thu 12:30-4-7:30-10:50
Star Trek (PG) Fri-Tue 12:50-4-7:10-10:20 Wed-Thu 12:40-3:50-7:10:10
The Taking of Pelham 123 (14A) Fri-Tue 12:20-3:30-6:45-9:40 Wed-Thu 12:20-3:30-6:40-9:40
Terminator Salvation (14A) Fri-Tue 12-3:10-6:50-10:15
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Up in Disney Digital 3D (G) Fri-Tue 11:25-1-2-3:50-4:40-6:40-7:25-9:20-10 Wed-Thu 11:45-2:30-5:10-7:50-10:30

TINSELTOWN
International Village, 88 West Pender, 3rd floor, 604-806-0799
cinemark.com

Angels & Demons (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:45-3:55-7:10:15
Away We Go (14A) Fri-Thu 12:05-2:25-4:50-7:20-9:50
Drag Me to Hell (14A) Fri-Thu 10:55
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The Hangover (18A) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:05-6:35-9:05 Fri-Thu 12:20-2:50-5:20-7:50-10:20
Little Ashes (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 2-4:30-7:10-9:45
My Sister's Keeper (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:35-1:55-3:15-4:35-5:55-7:15-8:35-9:55
The Proposal (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:50-2:10-3:30-4:55-6:10-7:30-8:50-10:10
Year One (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:10-1:15-2:30-3:45-5:6:15-7:35-8:45-10:05

VANCITY THEATRE
Vancouver International Film Centre
1181 Seymour St., 604-683-Film

Cure (14A) Fri 11 Sat 8:45-11
Tokyo Sonata (PG) Fri 6:30-8:45 Sat 2-4:15-6:30 Sun 2-4:15-6:30-8:45 Mon-Tue 6:30-8:45 Wed 2-4:15-6:30-8:45

VAN EAST CINEMA
2290 Commercial Drive, 604-251-1313

Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (14A) Fri 6:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 3:30-6:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:30

NORTH SHORE

ESPLANADE 6
200 West Esplanade, 604-983-2762

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The Taking of Pelham 123 (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10-6:40-9:40
Up (G) Fri-Thu 1:20-4-6:50-9:25

PARK & TILFORD
333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

Angels & Demons (14A) Fri-Tue 12:10-3-6:40-9:50
Easy Virtue (G) Fri-Tue 12:20-3:10-6:50-9:45
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SILVERCITY RIVERPORT
14211 Entertainment Way, 604-272-7280

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Drag Me to Hell (14A) Fri-Tue 12:30-3:45-6:50-9:35
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Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-9:45
Up (G) Fri 5-7-9 Sat-Sun 1-3-5-7-9 Mon-Tue 5-7-9

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The Hangover (18A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:40-6:35-9:40
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Year One (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:40-8-10:50

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220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

Angels & Demons (14A) Fri 4:30-7:05-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:45-4:30-7:05-9:45 Mon-Tue 4:30-7:05-9:45 Wed 1:45-4:30-7:05-9:45 Thu 4:30-7:05-9:45
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CLOVA
5732-176th St., Surrey, 604-541-9527

The Brothers Bloom (PG) Fri-Tue 8:50
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (G) Wed-Thu 1:30-3:30-7
My Life in Ruins (PG) Fri-Tue 7

HOLLYWOOD 3 CINEMA
7125-138th Street, Surrey, 604-592-4441

17 Again (PG) Fri-Thu 4:30
Angels & Demons (14A) Fri-Thu 6:30-9:30
Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) Fri-Thu 4:30
Imagine That (G) Fri-Thu 12-2:20-4:30
Land of the Lost (PG) Fri-Thu 2:25-6:30
Monsters vs. Aliens (G) Fri-Thu 2:30
Terminator Salvation (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-6:40-9
X-Men Origins: Wolverine (14A) Fri-Thu 12:15-8:45

STRAWBERRY HILL GRANDE
12161-72nd Ave, Surrey, 604-501-9400

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1732-152nd Street, White Rock, 604-541-9527, criterontheatres.com

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The Taking of Pelham 123 (14A) Fri 7-9:10 Sat-Sun 2-7-9:10 Mon-Tue 7-9:10

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2381 King George Highway, 604-531-7456, criterontheatres.com

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TWILIGHT DRIVE-IN
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Billboard's top albums
1. Lines, Vines and Trying Times, Jonas Brothers; **2.** The E.N.D., The Black Eyed Peas; **3.** Big Whiskey and the GrooGrux King, Dave Band Matthews Band; **4.** Relapse, Eminem. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Music

Alexisonfire still chirping

Young Cardinals/Old Crows, the new album from Alexisonfire, was released this week.

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

"With the wives, out go the groupies," says Alexisonfire's lead screamer George Pettit, just days before the band released its fourth album Young Cardinals/Old Crows.

While the Hamilton-based vocalist sounds like he might be reassuring his wife that he'll be a good boy on the road, he's also expressing just how much the band has grown up in the eight years since it stormed MuchMusic's airwaves.

When the group first began touring in 2002 the band members were known as much for their hard partying ways as they were for their aggressive, hardcore-meets-emo sound. But now, close to a decade later, the band is older and wiser.

"We were kids when we wrote that first record," says Pettit. "Over time everything changes. We have this wealth of travel behind us, we've spent years on the road living in a van, we have wives, houses and more adult responsibilities."

All that translates into less debauchery on the road, and that's fine with Pettit. "Those things are fun in their own right, but if you're into music strictly to screw groupies and get drunk, that's a very superficial reason to be involved.

"What keeps us here is not the wild lifestyle," he adds. "It's more about the spiritual journey that is loving music and trying to have that never-ending thirst for new records."

Moving from fast living rockers to property tax paying husbands, can turn a once exciting act into a safer, watered down version of itself (see Gavin Rossdale, David Usher), but if anything, the opposite has happened with Alexisonfire.

The band's music is somewhat tamer than it used to be — Pettit's throaty yells have given way to almost scratchy singing — but the music is more complex, and Dallas' smooth vocals are cleaner and catchier than ever before. It's easily the group's best album yet, and while some might miss the frantic, youthful energy, the more focused, thoughtful Alexis has created something that, finally, transcends the screamo tag.

"Screaming paints yourself into a corner," says Pettit. "I'd been trying new stuff in the jam space and when it came time to recording demos I just tried to see how many songs I could do with this type of vocals. It felt really good."

To get to where they wanted to be musically, the band had to make changes to more than just its sound. In the past members would rush through recording sessions, but this time they spent eight months writing. Pettit says the longer timeframe meant less mistakes and stronger songs.

"When I look back on our older records, if we thought about those songs for longer they would have turned out very differently," he explains. "With this, there's not a lot that really irks me. Or, maybe in a couple months from now I'll hear something and say maybe I shouldn't have done that. But right now this is great."

Warped Tour

• Alexisonfire plays Thunderbird Stadium on Aug. 14 as part of the Vans Warped Tour.

Forget the jokes: Jackson mattered

The rumour tweets started hitting my phone just before 5 p.m. ET Thursday. Within an hour, the first reports of Michael Jackson's death started filtering through Twitter, Facebook, TMZ and Perez Hilton's site. They had the news long before CNN, CBS, the LA Times, NBC and MSNBC confirmed it. By then, so many people rushed to update Jackson's Wikipedia entry that the servers crashed.

Yesterday, June 25, 2009, will be remembered just as we remember April 8, 1994, for Kurt Cobain; December 8, 1980 for John Lennon; and August 16, 1977, for Elvis. Michael Jackson carried that kind of cultural clout.

Forget the lurid allegations, the buying of the Elephant Man's bones, the hyperbaric sleeping chambers, the plastic surgery and the dangling babies. Here's how we should remember Michael Jackson:

First, people forget that the Thriller album essentially saved the recording industry when it was released in 1982. Suffering from the double whammy of the post-disco sales depression and a brutal recession, Thriller almost single-handedly resurrected the music industry.

Sure, it sold somewhere north of 50 million copies on its own, but its real value lay in the fact that this record got people into record stores again where they bought it — and one or two other albums. This one album went a long way towards pulling the entire industry out of some desperate doldrums.

Thriller was also sprung upon the public at the same time as the compact disc. Because Quincy Jones' production was so tight and crisp, CD copies of Thriller were used as demo discs for CD players, speakers and amplifiers.

Who knows how many billions of dollars of gear was sold once people heard the opening drumbeat from Billie Jean coming off a CD?

Michael Jackson was also once a pretty shrewd businessman. In the '80s, he managed to outbid Paul McCartney for a large portion of the Beatles catalogue. The revenues generated by those holdings went a long way to support his lifestyle for the rest of this life.

And speaking of which, Jackson broke a major taboo when he licensed the Beatles' Revolution to Nike for a TV commercial. People forget what kind of outrage followed. Using a popular song to sell a product as crass as shoes? Today, though, you can't turn on a TV without hearing a major artist's music on a commercial.

And finally — and most importantly — let's not forget that Michael Jackson broke the colour barrier on MTV. Before Thriller, MTV showed nothing but rock and pop videos featuring white faces. Initially, MTV refused to run the clip for Billie Jean. It wasn't until Walter Yentnikoff, president of CBS, Michael's record company, threatened to pull every artist on their roster from the young channel — MTV had only been on the air since August 1, 1981, with just 250 clips in its library — that they relented.

Had it not been for the power of Michael Jackson and Thriller, would have MTV become the same cultural monster? And where would have people gone to learn about then-new artists such as Prince?

And speaking of videos, think about how Jackson furthered that art form; John Landis directed the 14 minute Thriller video; the morphing technology first seen in the clip for Black or White; the reported $8 million US spent on the five minute video for Scream with his sister Janet.

Let's therefore not focus on the tabloid stuff. The man did enough that we should remember for the great groundbreaking talent he was.

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Hilton Tweets her adventures

Although Paris Hilton is has been busy finding a new BFF in Dubai, she is using her time off to explore and twittering about it. Hilton went to Saif Belhasa Driving Center and "drove a hot red Lamborghini" among other things. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Television

An angel in life dies at 62

Farrah Fawcett succumbs after battle with cancer

Actress Farrah Fawcett, the Charlie's Angels television star whose big smile and feathered blond mane made her one of the reigning sex symbols of the 1970s, died on Thursday after a long battle with cancer. She was 62.

Fawcett, first vaulted to stardom by an alluring poster of her in a red swimsuit, was diagnosed with anal cancer in late 2006. It spread to her liver in 2007, proving resistant to numerous medical treatments in Germany and California.

"After a long and brave battle with cancer, our beloved Farrah has passed away," Fawcett's long time companion, actor Ryan O'Neal, said in a statement.

"Although this is an extremely difficult time for her family and friends, we take comfort in the beautiful times that we shared with Farrah over the years and the knowledge that her life brought joy to so many people around the world."

Fawcett's death in a Los Angeles hospital came just six weeks after the TV broadcast in May of a video diary she made chronicling her battle with cancer and her final months.

Called Farrah's Story, the documentary was effectively a self-penned obituary by the actress, who was bedridden and had lost her famous hair by the time it was shown.

O'Neal said she had wanted to tell her story on her own terms.

Fawcett, born Feb. 2, 1947, in Corpus Christi, Texas, was an art student in college before she began modelling, appearing in shampoo ads.

She started guest-starring on TV in the late 1960s and appeared on the television hit The Six Million Dollar Man after marrying the show's star, Lee Majors, in 1974. The couple divorced in the early 1980s.

ANGEL CULTURE

Fawcett's career took off thanks to a poster of her posing flirtatiously with a brilliant smile in a red one-piece bathing suit. It sold millions of copies and led to her being cast in 1976 in Charlie's Angels, an action show about three beautiful, strong women private detectives.

As the tanned and glamorous Jill Munroe — part of a trio that included Jaclyn Smith and Kate Jackson — Fawcett was the hit show's most talked-about star.

SERIOUS ROLES

While Fawcett's early career was marked by lightweight roles, the actress sought to play down her sex symbol image in more challenging dramas in the '80s.

She earned critical acclaim for her performance as a battered wife in 1984's The Burning Bed, for which she received the first of three Emmy nominations.

The off-Broadway play and subsequent film Extremities, in which Fawcett played a woman who takes revenge on a would-be attacker, earned one of her six Golden Globe nominations.

She had one son, Redmond, with O'Neal. REUTERS

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Farrah Fawcett.

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Rosie to launch daily show

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Television

CTV MEDIA

British musician Elvis Costello hosts CTV's Spectacle.

Musical connections

Elvis Costello gets artists to open up on talk TV show Spectacle

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

Elvis Costello wants you to know one thing — he's not a journalist.

That's obvious of course, he's a legendary British musician who's been creating brilliant rock music since 1977, but now that he hosts Spectacle, a talk TV show on CTV, some might mistake him as a newsman instead of a musician.

"Music journalists make assumptions about performers and their motivation because they stand outside of things," he says on the phone from New York. "These days in particular there's a problem of opinionating because everyone can publish now. I'm not interested in doing that."

Costello is more focused on how his guests make music and the challenges they've overcome. He asked Rufus Wainwright about being pegged as a gay musician and got Tony Bennett to reveal that he passed up the chance to record the Louis Armstrong hit What a Wonderful World.

He also jams with his guests, playing alongside the Police and Spectacle's co-producer Elton John. It's likely he'll perform with Smokey Robinson on the last episode of the season, which airs tonight.

Spectacle's last episode, featuring Smokey Robinson, airs Friday night.

The renowned guitarist, and husband to Canadian jazz musician Diana Krall, says it would be strange if he didn't sing on the show. "If I set myself up as a chat show host, or the new king of late night, that would be different," he explains. "I'd be taking up a new career, but I'm not. I'm speaking as a musician to another musician."

Being an artist is, says Costello, a major asset for the job. He explains that he can connect with his guests on a level that other non-musician interviews can't because he knows the job from "the inside."

"I don't play piano like Herbie Hancock, but I do understand the inside of it," he says. "So the willingness to open up is probably based on that. And I'm not trying fit their answer into a preconceived thesis about them."

This season Costello's guests have mostly been music stalwarts such as Lou Reed, Kris Kristofferson and James Taylor, but he has had on younger acts, including Jenny Lewis, Wainwright and duo She & Him. While that's a pretty diverse list of performers, he does wish he could interview more newbies.

"Do I wish we could have more young artists? Yes, I wish we could," he says. "With them we base it more around musical performance because there's less to reflect on and those artists were less comfortable talking about their motivations."

While Costello says he "has a high regard" for all his guests, there was one interviewee this season that really stands out: Bill Clinton. "For him to take an hour out of his wife's busy presidential campaign to talk about music was fantastic," he says. "It was a genial interview, it was relaxed. I didn't feel I missed an opportunity to grill him, because that's like getting into the ring with Muhammad Ali."

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	500	500	33 CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Cooper 360
sports	407	419	22 RSP	Sportsnet	MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Los Angeles Dodgers.					Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
	400	400	30 TSN	SportsCentre	Boxing Steve Molitor vs. Heriberto Ruiz.			Boxing Friday Night Fights. (Same-day Tape) (CC)				SportsCentre
family	552	543	25 YTV	SpongeBob SquarePants		The Penguins	SpongeBob	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Family Biz	Adrenaline	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	30 TEL	Batman	Spider-Man	Wolverine	Justice	Futurama	V for Vendetta ★★★ (2006, Action) Natalie Portman. (CC)			
	268	354	5 KNO	For King and Country (CC)		Poirot "Triangle at Rhodes"		Life Begins (CC)		(:02) The Longest Road (CC)		
	575	583	20 CMT	Going for Broke (2003, Docudrama) Delta Burke, Gerald McRaney.					Candid C.	Going for Broke (2003) Delta Burke.		
variety	615	520	31 A&E	The Cleaner "Hello America"		Criminal Minds "3rd Life"		CSI: Miami "Going Ballistic"		CSI: Miami "Just Murdered"		The Cleaner
	521	560	34 TLC	Dress	Dress	What Not to Wear (CC)		What Not to Wear "Jennifer"		Dress	Dress	What Not
	616	522	39 SHO	The Outer Limits "Vaccine"		The Best Years		Kenny	Kenny	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Webdreams
	294	650	57 TBS	Let Freedom Hum: Comedy		Funniest Commercials		Sex and-City	Sex and-City	National Lampoon's European Vacation		
	603	561	62 FN	Diners	Diners	Ramsay's Kitchen		Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay	Dinner	Diners
cable	320	621	30 CEN	(6:30) Prom Wars (2008) (CC)		Eagle Eye ★★ (2008) Shia LaBeouf. Premiere. (CC)				Transformers ★★★ (2007) Shia LaBeouf.		
	581	566	101 MTV	True Love	The X Effect	MTV Live	Cribs (CC)	Canada's Next Top Model		True Love	The X Effect	Model

SATURDAY

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
6/27/09	251	308	3 CBC	The Nature of Things (N)		The Week the Women Went		Da Vinci's City Hall		Intelligence (CC) (DVS)		News (CC)
	255	358	6 JOY	Out There	E News	Rich Poor	Rich Poor	Gospel of Deceit (2006, Suspense) Alexandra Paul. (CC)				News (N)
	250	321	9 CTV	Stompin' Tom		Law & Order: SVU		2009 MuchMusic Video Awards (CC)				News (N)
	252	336	11 GTV	A Wrinkle in Time ★★ (2003) (Part 1 of 2) Alfre Woodard.				Doc "Till Death Do Us Part"		Doc Dr. Crane's father visits.		News (N)
	256	389	12 VI	New Canoe	Island Week	The Road to Avonlea		Kool Countdown (CC)		Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	Bravo! Fact
	253	359	13 CITY	Without a Trace (CC)		Taste City	Out There	Miss Castaway and the Island Girls ★★ (2004, Comedy)				Role
	-	-	14 CW	CSI: NY (CC)		Operation Smile		Boston Legal (CC)		CSI: NY "DOA for a Day"		CSI: Miami
primetime	289	381	15 CBS	Entertainment Tonight (N)		Without a Trace "Voir Dire"		(:01) Harper's Island (N)		48 Hours Mystery (CC)		News (N)
	287	379	16 NBC	Health Front	Inside Edition	Kings "Pilgrimage" (N) (CC)		Law & Order (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		News (N)
	288	380	17 ABC	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Wipeout (CC)		Castle "Nanny McDead"		Eli Stone "Mortal Combat"		News
	290	382	23 FOX	Two Men	Two Men	Cops (CC)	Cops (CC)	America's Most Wanted		News (N)	Most Wanted	MADtv (CC)
news	502	390	28 NW	Doc Zone (CC)		Sat. Report	Weekend	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	Doc Zone (CC)		Sat. Report
	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Newsroom
sports	407	419	22 RSP	MLS Soccer Toronto FC at Real Salt Lake.			UFC: Access	Red Bull: Air Race		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Poker
	400	400	30 TSN	IndyCar Racing		SportsCentre (Live) (CC)		Boxing Contender Fight Night. (CC)				SportsCentre
family	552	543	25 YTV	Survive This	Survive This	Survive This	Survive This	Survive This	Survive This	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	30 TEL	How I Spent My Vacation (CC)				Futurama	Chicken	Clone High	Rick & Steve	Moral Orel
	268	354	5 KNO	National Geographic		Heartbeat (CC)		Midsomer Murders A body is found in a relish factory.				Jazz
	575	583	20 CMT	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	CMT Live at the Orange Lounge			Twins ★★★ (1988, Comedy) Arnold Schwarzenegger.			
variety	615	520	31 A&E	(5:00) Independence Day		The Cleaner "Hello America"		Independence Day ★★★ (1996) Will Smith, Bill Pullman. (CC)				
	521	560	34 TLC	48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		Serial ...
	616	522	39 SHO	(6:00) The House Next Door		To Be Fat Like Me (2007, Docudrama) Kaley Cuoco. (CC)				Smokin' Aces ★★ (2007) Ben Affleck. (CC)		
	294	650	57 TBS	Funniest Commercials		Ellen's Bigger, Longer Show		What Women Want ★★ (2000) Mel Gibson, Helen Hunt. (CC)				
	603	561	62 FN	Kitchen Nightmares (CC)		Chef Jeff Project (CC)		Challenge (CC)		Dear Food Network		Nightmares
cable	320	621	30 CEN	(6:25) Hancock ★★ (2008)		The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 ★★ (2008) (CC)				Get Smart ★★ (2008) Steve Carell. (CC)		
	581	566	101 MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Canada's Next Top Model		Canada's Next Top Model		Model

SUNDAY

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
6/28/09	251	308	3 CBC	Heartland (CC) (DVS)		Bon Cop, Bad Cop (2006) Colm Feore, Patrick Huard. (CC)				CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		News (CC)
	255	358	6 JOY	Inside Hollywood (N) (CC)		Extreme Makeover: Home		Impact (2008, Action) (Part 2 of 2) Natasha Henstridge. (CC)				News (N)
	250	321	9 CTV	Corner Gas	Degrassi	Merlin (N) (CC)		Merlin (N) (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		News (N)
	252	336	11 GTV	16:9 Picture	King of Hill	Simpsons	Bob & Doug	Family Guy	Amer Dad	The Unit "Dancing Lessons"		News (N)
	256	389	12 VI	Jeff Ltd.	Home Videos	Million Dollar Password		Cold Case "Pin Up Girl"		Canada's Next Top Model		New Canoe
	253	359	13 CITY	Two Men	Hates Chris	Kings "Pilgrimage" (N) (CC)		Royal Pains (CC)		Crusoe "Hour 6 -- Long Pig"		Role
	-	-	14 CW	Reaper "Dirty Sexy Mongol"		Larger Than Life ★★ (1996, Comedy) Bill Murray.				Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cold Case
primetime	289	381	15 CBS	60 Minutes (CC)		Million Dollar Password		Cold Case "Pin Up Girl"		The Unit "Dancing Lessons"		News (N)
	287	379	16 NBC	Dateline NBC (CC)		Merlin (N) (CC)		Merlin (N) (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		News (N)
	288	380	17 ABC	Just Laughs	Home Videos	Extreme Makeover: Home		Impact (2008, Action) (Part 2 of 2) Natasha Henstridge. (CC)				News
	290	382	23 FOX	King of Hill	Amer Dad	Simpsons	King of Hill	Family Guy	Amer Dad	News (N)	Sports	House (CC)
news	502	390	28 NW	Shock Wave Surviving the next quake/tsunami. (CC)				CBC News: Sunday Night		Shock Wave (CC)		
	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live		State of the Union		Union
sports	407	419	22 RSP	MLB Baseball		Sportsnet Connected		The Ultimate Fighter		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
	400	400	30 TSN	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)			Boxing Chad Dawson vs. Antonio Tarver. (CC)				Boxing	SportsCentre
family	552	543	25 YTV	(6:00) The Great Outdoors		SpongeBob	Prank Patrol	In Real Life (CC)		Adrenaline	Survive This	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	30 TEL	Stoked	Stoked	6TEEN	6TEEN	Futurama	Punch (CC)	Life's a Zoo	Life's a Zoo	Rick & Steve
	268	354	5 KNO	National Geographic (CC)		Inspector Morse: Masonic Mysteries (1990) John Thaw.				Life Begins (CC)		Jazz
	575	583	20 CMT	Michael ★★★ (1996, Drama) John Travolta, Andie MacDowell.					Candid C.	Michael ★★★ (1996) John Travolta.		
variety	615	520	31 A&E	Hammertime	Hammertime	Gene Simmons		Dog	Dog	Simmons	Simmons	Hammertime
	521	560	34 TLC	Jon & Kate Plus 8 (CC)		Jon & Kate Plus 8 (CC)		Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate
	616	522	39 SHO	The Guard "Zero Footprint"		Love Sick: Secrets of a Sex Addict (2008) Sally Pressman.				Rescue Me "Mickey" (CC)		The Guard
	294	650	57 TBS	Comedy You Can Believe		Let Freedom Hum: Comedy		Comedy You Can Believe		Men in Black ★★★ (1997) (PA) (CC)		
	603	561	62 FN	Jamie Oliver's Ministry		Jamie Oliver's Ministry		Jamie Oliver's Ministry		Jamie Oliver's Ministry		Eat to Save
cable	320	621	30 CEN	(6:00) Definitely, Maybe (CC)		Passchendaele (2008) Caroline Dhavernas. Premiere. (CC)				Atonement ★★★ (2007) James McAvoy.		
	581	566	101 MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	After	MTV News	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	MTV News

Hung a big step for HBO

REVIEW Life for basketball coach and teacher Ray Drecker (Thomas Jane) is in the crapper.

His team can't win a game, his wife (Anne Heche) left him, his twins are annoying adolescents, his neighbor is harassing him, and his home has just burned down. And all of this is happening in Detroit, where, as Drecker puts it, is "the headwaters of a river of failure."

But when life gives you lemons, make lemonade. When an HBO show gives you this setup, go for your big guns.

For those living in caves, Hung — premiering Saturday at 10 p.m. EDT/PDT — is not the heartwarming adventures of an Asian family. It's a description of Drecker's sole useful asset. So when he meets un-cute with former one-night stand Tanya (Jane Adams as a self-righteous temp whose previous moneymaking idea was to put poems inside bread), they both get excited over the concept of pimping him out. Because, you know, he's hung.

That's a lot of setup, and it's easy to be of two minds about it. The basic concept — that these two entrepreneurs can make a bundle pimping Drecker out because he's a big man down below — is ludicrous beyond sitcom and scientific standards. Dirk Diggler was a porn star; Boogie Nights never indicated that he was the greatest lover in the world. **REUTERS**

INFORMATION FEATURE

Professor Layton more than a game

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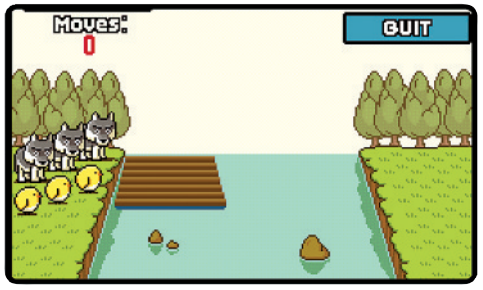
for Metro Canada

Until technology can auto-program Best Parenting Practices 2.0, moms' lives will continue to be full of challenges, decisions and judgments that can leave us frustrated, challenged and downright perplexed.

Just once, it would be nice to solve a parenting puzzle and figure out the best way to move forward, and even find a prize at the end (which doesn't involve giving out a time out or contemplating boarding school).

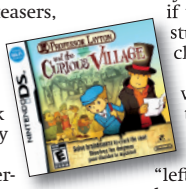
Well, I think I've found the next best thing to help alleviate some of this pent-up frustration in not finding the "right" answer to every parenting challenge. It's an escape into a magical world where an enchanting village has an accompanying soundtrack of soft Paris-style café music, where one can meet charming gentlemen and mingle with some upper-class ladies over tea. Oh, my kids have tried to go there with me ... but they can't. Because I'm the one holding the Nintendo DSi unit right now.

Professor Layton and the Curious Village is more than a game — it's a story, an experience and a fresh relief from the day-to-day puzzles we face.



Professor Layton and the Curious Village gives Nintendo DSi players the chance to solve classic and original brainteasers.

As I worked my way around the charming village of St. Mystere, I was asked to help the professor and his young charge solve some classic and some original brainteasers, in order to earn coins, find pieces of old paintings; even track down a cranky cat.



I was understandably reluctant to pass the DSi to my kids — I just figured out I need to open that blue door! Give it back! Ten more minutes! What's great about this game is that many of the brain-teasers can be redeployed on paper for the kids to work on while I discover what's through the clock tower, and why that villager is so disagreeable.

Nintendo Canada's Matt Ryan says the game was developed with a family experience in mind.

"The puzzles in Professor Layton and the Curious Village can be solved by an individual, but there is the opportunity to have fun as a group when you put your minds together," he says. "The characters are a laugh and the puzzles vary in difficulty ... don't worry, even if the whole family is stumped, you can use clues to help out."

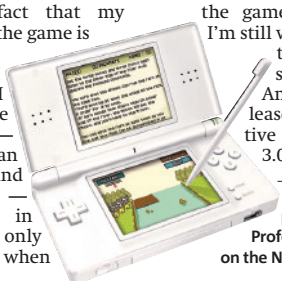
"Don't worry, even if the whole family is stumped, you can use clues to help out." Matt Ryan

There's the classic wolf/chick crossing the river game, silly riddles involving candles that are "left over" at the end, and even a match stick dead dog. What more could you want?

Of course, as a busy mom, I only get to play the game in short bursts of time — darn kids and their homework, needing to be fed, and bedtime — so I love the fact that my progress in the game is recapped every time I start it up. I also like the fact that — unlike human children and most adults — the people in the story only talk to you when you tap them with the Nintendo pen. If only life could imitate this art.

My favourite puzzle so far has been the Bickering Brothers, whom I had to strategically place around a dinner table, with certain brothers only getting along with certain other brothers. I did this every night at the dinner table with my own four squabbling children, so I solved this one in no time flat. In the game, that is. I'm still working on the real life solution.

And the release of Positive Parenting 3.0.



Solve puzzles with Professor Layton on the Nintendo DSi.

Zohn's cancer fight

Ethan Zohn is now halfway through his three-month chemotherapy treatment for Hodgkin's Lymphoma. In two new video diaries, filmed at his home in Manhattan, the now-bald Survivor: Africa winner shows viewers the ups and downs of his struggle. **PEOPLE.COM**

Going Out

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 will.i.am

MUSICIAN It's shaping up to be a great summer for the artist. First, he scored a massive hit with the new Black Eyed Peas album The E.N.D. Then, he bagged an even bigger smash with his latest war-of-words with Perez Hilton. God knows if will.i.am's manager actually assaulted the celeb blogger but we all know who everyone's rooting for.

2 Guns Don't Kill People ... Lazers do: Major Lazer

ALBUM If you are a thinking-Jamaica-going-downtown kind of person, this might just turn out to be the soundtrack of your summer. Indie mixmasters Diplo and Switch take the sun-friendly genres of dub and dancehall and mash it up with urban sounds to create a wildly raucous album that can get any porch party swinging.

3 David Lynch

ARTIST The king of cinematic curveballs turns to music — not one album, but two. First came Dark Night of the Soul, a collaboration with cult musicians Danger Mouse and Sparklehorse. Now there's word that he is a lyricist and producer for the upcoming Fox Bat Strategy, a tribute album for a musician who worked on Lynch's groundbreaking TV series Twin Peaks.

4 Intro to The Beatles Rock Band

VIDEO The wait for this fall's magical mystery tour just got a little tougher, thanks to this jaw-dropping promo for arguably the year's most hotly anticipated game. Created by Gorillaz animator Pete Candeland, the 160-second eye-candy succinctly sums the band's history and gets you nicely warmed up for the real action. Check it out at thebeatlesrockband.com/cinematic.php

5 Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen

FILM OK, the reviews are uniformly bad. And the accusations of racial stereotyping in robot banter are not helping either. But, look at the upside: Plenty of Michael Bay-approved CGI, more of your favourite bots, a hotter-than-ever Megan Fox and a cuter-than-ever Shia Lebouf. It's your call.

6 Confessions of a Shopaholic

DVD Recession cramping your style? Get some retail therapy with the film version of the Sophie Kinsella bestseller, starring Isla Fisher as the swipe-happy New York protagonist. Of course, it ends with the obligatory lesson on our credit habits but not before you witness some of the best shopping sprees ever committed to screen.

7 Why Your World Is About To Get A Whole Lot Smaller: Jeff Rubin

BOOK This No. 1 bestseller on several non-fiction charts gets back to the basics: Oil and how dwindling supplies will zap our SUVs and five-bedroom bungalows to bite-sized proportions. Sounds awful but when CIBC's chief economist gazes at the crystal ball, you listen.

Mix of Six

Vancouver International Jazz Festival

Where: At various venues
When: Until July 5

The Festival kicks off this Friday with performances by Blue King Brown, Don Fraser Trio and Bria Skonberg, among others. For a full list of performers and venues visit coastaljazz.ca.

Bard on the Beach: All's Well That Ends Well

Where: Bard on the Beach, Vanier Park
When: Until Sept. 19

Classic Shakespeare play about a rejected bride and her adventures to secure her husband's love will be performed Tuesdays to Sundays. Tickets are $34 for evenings and $18-28.50 for previews and matinees. Info bardonthebeach.org.

Scotia Bank Vancouver Half Marathon & 5K Charity Challenge

Where: UBC to Stanley Park
When: Sunday 7 a.m.

One of Vancouver's premier running events through some of the city's most scenic areas is expected to attract more than 4,500 runners and walkers of all levels. Info: vancouverhalf.com

Beat Nation

Where: Grunt Gallery, 116-350 East 2nd Ave.
When: Friday

An exhibit of Hip Hop as Indigenous Culture featuring Native graffiti art, Inuit break dancing, indigenous-language rap and "Indian bling" amongst other things. Info: beatnation.org.

Bavarian Beerfest

Where: The Vancouver Alpen Club, 4875 Victoria Dr.
When: Saturday

Presented by beer company Koenig Ludwig Weissbier featuring German food and, the main attraction, beer. Al Pichler and his Alpiners will provide live music. No minors.

Vancouver International Flamenco Festival

Where: Waterfront Theatre at Granville Island and various other locations
When: Starts Sunday

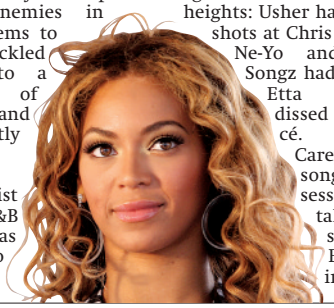
Celebrating its 20th anniversary and presented by Flamenco Rosario, the event features the famous Spanish art form. Info: flamencorosario.org.

Beefs common in R&B ... and a little ridiculous

On Keri Hilson's song Turnin' Me On, she suggests she's been ghost-writing for another artist, and tells an unnamed foe to move "to the left." When the song came out a few months ago, a giddy blogosphere responded with a collective "aw snap!" as she showed her claws; Hilson, it seemed, had released a diss record.

Even though it set off only a minor furor and a yawn (mostly because she seemed to be referencing Ciara and/or Beyoncé but, when pressed, said she wasn't) Hilson had the dubious distinction of becoming the latest singer to engage in the uncharted sport of R&B beef.

Of course, we all know hip-hop beefs. Yet as hip-hop has moved into the realm of pop/dance music, its ethos that you must always stomp out your enemies in song seems to have trickled down to a crop of young (and apparently gangsta) singers.



The list of R&B beefs has grown to staggering, if not laughable heights: Usher has taken shots at Chris Brown. Ne-Yo and Trey Songz had a spat. Etta James dissed Beyoncé. Mariah Carey's song Obsessed takes shots at Eminem.

Thespian/crooners Jamie Foxx and Terrence Howard got into a feud after Howard dissed Foxx's music.

And we can't ignore how ridiculous the Black Eyed Peas' spat with blogger Perez Hilton was earlier this week.

Naturally, some rivalry among entertainers is to be expected. Yet the general reaction among the people hearing beefs unfold is that there's something fundamentally absurd — so West Side Story — about seeing song and dance singers squabble.

"It's ridiculous to think of guys and girls singing about love and tenderness who dance in choreographed motions as tough," says Rashaun Hall, an entertainment journalist who has worked at Billboard, MTV News and Giant magazine.

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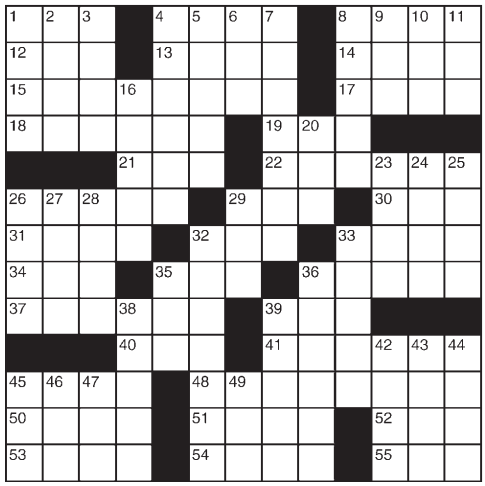

Crossword across

1 Totally dominate
4 Right on the map?
8 Liking a lot
12 Shooter ammo
13 Jubilation
14 Disposition
15 Where salmon go to spawn
17 Motivate
18 Gazing one
19 Chart format
21 "Guinness Book" suffix
22 Transmission to a spacecraft
26 Rural buildings
29 "No seats"
30 Dress in
31 Supplemented, with "out"
32 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)
33 — gin fizz
34 Dead heat
35 Happiness
36 Public squabble
37 "You betcha!"
39 Spring mo.
40 Smokestack output
41 Shamelessly bold
45 Dixieland music
48 Entry on a team's schedule
50 Bassoon's cousin
51 Wine's aroma
52 Yank
53 Implement
54 Active one
55 Early bird?

Crossword down

1 Piece of work
2 Sobbed
3 Houston acronym
4 Exit
5 On the qui vive
6 Poseidon's realm
7 Deep-fried recipe
8 Urge
9 Neither mate
10 As well
11 Peculiar
16 Pollster's find
20 Wall St. debut
23 Between jobs
24 Lunchtime, often
25 Banjo supporter
26 — carotene
27 In the same family
28 50-Across need
29 Agent
32 Rancher
33 Raw-boned person
35 Alcott book, "— Boys"
36 More agile
38 The Baxters' maid
39 Humiliate
42 Fill till full
43 Complacent
44 Safecracker
45 Least bit
46 Blood-group letters
47 Menagerie
49 Court

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
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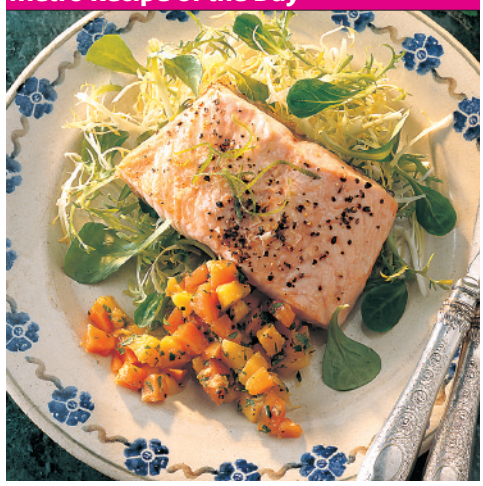

Salmon with Tropical Fruit Salsa

INGREDIENTS:
4 salmon steaks
1 tbsp (15 ml) olive oil
SALSA:
1 small mango
1 small papaya
1in. (2.5cm) piece fresh ginger
Handful of mint leaves
1 lime
Salt and black pepper
METHOD:
1. Preheat grill to moderate and cover rack with foil.
2. For salsa, cut mango in half, remove flesh, dice finely and put into bowl. Cut papaya in half, scoop out and discard seeds, finely dice flesh and add to mango.
3. Peel ginger and grate into bowl. Rinse, dry and chop mint and add to bowl.
4. Wash wax off lime. Remove few shreds of zest for garnish. Grate the rest and add to salsa. Squeeze juice and add half to bowl, reserving remainder.
5. Season salsa with salt and plenty of pepper; mix well.
6. Put salmon steaks, skin sides down, onto foil on broiler rack. Brush with olive oil, season and sprinkle with remaining lime juice. Broil 6–8 minutes without turning. fish is done when flesh flakes easily.
7. Serve grilled salmon garnished with lime zest and accompanied by salsa.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
The winds of fate may be blowing you here, there and everywhere at the moment but there is no need to panic.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Something you were barely half-hearted about yesterday will fill you with enthusiasm today. What a difference 24 hours makes.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
The more others say you need to act now the more likely it is they are thinking of their own needs rather than your own.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Give your imagination permission to roam and don't reject what it comes up with just because it seems so outrageous.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
According to the planets you are very close to the tipping point, where one small adjustment or alteration somehow changes everything.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
The more someone points out your errors, the more likely it is they are trying to destroy your confidence — and the more determined you must be.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You may have big plans for the next few months but as mind planet Mercury is at odds with Saturn today you are strongly advised to wait.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
You are not the sort to take much notice of alternative arguments but someone will give you some seriously good advice today.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Not everything may be going your way at the moment but the world is still a beautiful place and there are still enough heroes to inspire you.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
You may have no solid evidence that someone is trying to cheat you but your instincts are screaming at you to be on your guard.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
You may not be the world's best at working with other people but, like it or not, you are part of a team.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
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Beyoncé's first family fans

FAMOUS FANS Beyoncé had some special guests at her concert in Washington, D.C., usmagazine.com reports.

Michelle Obama brought daughters Malia and Sasha — along with her friends from Chicago and some of her White House staff — to the singer's show at the Verizon Center Wednesday night.

Before she belted Single Ladies (Put a Ring On It), Beyoncé gave a shout-out to the first daughters, the Washington Post reports.

"This is for Sasha and Malia — and all my single ladies!" she said.

This isn't the first time Beyoncé has performed for the Obama family. She sang the classic song, At Last, for the Obamas during their first dance on inauguration night in January.

Shortly after the inauguration festivities, Beyoncé told Vogue magazine that Michelle considered her a role model for her girls.

"She told me she was very happy that her girls have someone like me to look up to," Beyoncé said. "And I'm like, 'Oh, my God.' You have to feel fortunate to be one of the people whom parents don't mind their children looking up to."

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Kendra can't hardly wait

HONEYMOON PLANS Kendra Wilkinson will honeymoon on a private island because she wants to be able to walk around naked, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The former Playboy Playmate — who is set to wed football star Hank Baskett Saturday — is looking forward to relaxing in the secluded spot as no one will be able to see her.

She explained: "We're keeping the honeymoon destination a secret. It's a private island, I want to be able to walk around naked if I want and not have paparazzos!"

Wilkinson can't wait to tie the knot at the Playboy mansion, the home of her ex-boyfriend Hugh Hefner.

"I'm so excited! I'm ready to run down the aisle and jump on Hank!" she said.

Wilkinson recently announced she is expecting her first child with Baskett, and admits being pregnant has had a strange effect on her body.

She explained: "I've been craving hot cheese sauce. I'm not afraid to eat. It's so weird. I used to eat all vegetables before I was pregnant, but now I can't even think of vegetables.

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Jennifer takes a hit in recession

CORPORATE SPEAK Times are tough all over. Jennifer Lopez has been forced to halt production on her clothing line, Sweetface, according to E! News.

The company is putting a positive spin on it, though: "We have decided to put the Sweetface line on hiatus while we prepare to reintroduce the brand in the near future with new messaging points and an entirely new fashion point of view," a company rep said in a statement.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Angie's jealous side

THREE'S A CROWD Angelina Jolie may be completely happy with her life with Brad Pitt, but that doesn't mean she's OK with his ex-wife still getting in touch.

Jolie is reportedly peeved about Jennifer Aniston's alleged habit of sending Pitt inspirational text messages and odd gifts to his production office.

Jolie has even warned Aniston to back off, according to the Daily Mirror.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Jen and Bradley an item: Source

SECRET NO MORE Jennifer Aniston and Bradley Cooper are a pair, according to sources for Star magazine.

The pair was spotted sharing an intimate dinner in New York City recently, when a source "went over to say hi to them, and I noticed they were holding hands under the table because they let go to shake my hand."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Celebrity Buzz

Katy really, really loves pizza

A REAL FOOD LOVER Katy Perry set her fans' appetites racing recently when she posted a photo to her Twitter account of herself naked in a hotel bathtub, her body obscured by a tray holding a pizza.

"Why is it that after not eating for three days all I can think of is food," she wrote. "Food is smiling at me ... luring me with sexual seduction."

The singer had been recuperating in Milan for three days after a bout of the flu.

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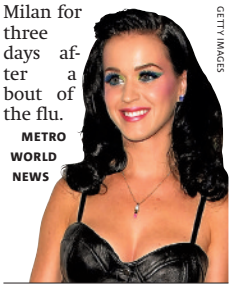
GETTY IMAGES

Murder charges for Billy Bob's daughter

TURN OF EVENTS Billy Bob Thornton's daughter has been charged with first-degree murder, female-first.co.uk reports.

Amanda Brumfield — who is estranged from her actor father — was also indicted on aggravated child abuse and aggravated manslaughter charges on Wednesday, following the death of a one-year-old girl in her care in Florida last October.

The 29-year-old — who was charged with child neglect causing harm or disability earlier this month — was booked at the Orange County jail.

When she was initially arrested, Brumfield reportedly told police the child died after sustaining a head injury following a fall from a playpen. It is alleged she did not call for help for two-and-a-half hours.

An autopsy showed the youngster had a fractured skull and a brain injury, prompting the death to be ruled a homicide, the website adds.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Rachel asks for privacy

PRIVATE PAIN Rachel Hunter is begging the media leave her in peace as she struggles to come to terms with her broken engagement.

Rod Stewart's ex-wife, 39, was due to marry Canadian hockey star Jarret Stoll in California in August, but the 27-year-old reportedly called off the wedding this week, without giving his bride-to-be any explanation.

Hunter's representative has now confirmed the breakup, and is asking the press to let the model deal with her troubles away from the spotlight.

A statement reads, "The August wedding of Rachel Hunter and Jarret Stoll has been cancelled and the couple have decided to split. We ask you (the media) to respect Rachel and her family's privacy during this extremely upsetting time."

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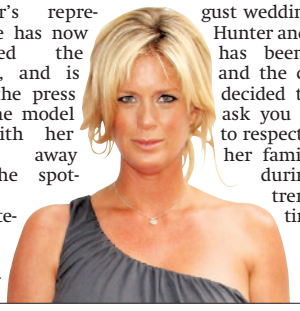

Amy's got a side project

FOR EVERY OCCASION Amy Winehouse has found a new way to make money while in the Caribbean working on her album.

She's reportedly putting out a line of greeting cards and wrapping paper featuring her lyrics and an EMI rep says they've "received a very positive response. These are songs which have a great resonance with the public."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Jackie O and Brando?

SECRET TRYST? A new book claims that actor Marlon Brando and former U.S. first lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis shared a passionate affair in 1964, something Brando had wanted to include in his 1994 memoir.

But an editor at Random House who was friends with the former first lady encouraged him to leave the details out, according to Page Six.

"I'm not sure she knew what she was doing sexually, but she did it well," Brando wrote, according to an excerpt from the new book.

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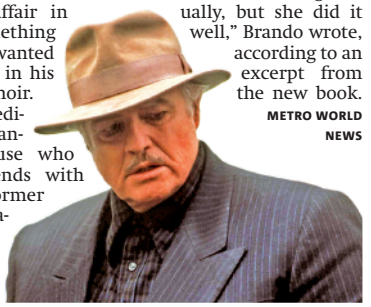

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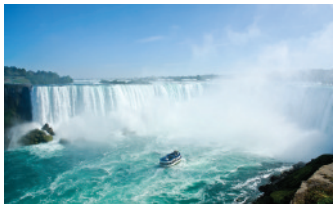

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